CHANGES TO THE YEAR 8 CURRICULUM FOR 2016

In 2016 we will trial a new curriculum pattern for year 8 that will allow students to focus on inquiry based learning on one line.

Students will be able to select four subjects, each to be studied for one term.

The subjects offered are in the Languages, Industrial Arts, Home Economics and Agricultural areas.

A selection sheet will be sent home for students to make their choices next week.

During these subject lessons students will develop a project with support from staff.

These electives will allow the students to have some choice and experiences in areas that are offered as electives in year 9.

The rest of curriculum pattern for year 8 is not affected by this change.

Please also be advised that the student mobile phone school policy procedure will be listed on the last page of the grapevine.

Please read this carefully as this policy for mobile phones is going to be enforced.

Darryl Ward
Principal
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Congratulations to Katja Jorgensen who was selected to participate in the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Secondary Project in Feb 2016. A very high honour.

- We have two AHS Students who have won major awards in the University of Wollongong STEM competition. Congratulations to Tim Lutton and Courtney Mason who have submitted quality Yr. 11 design projects. These are aides for people living with a disability.

- Congratulations to Jackson Whiley coming 5th in the finals for the Victorian All Schools Athletics Championships in Melbourne. He achieved the Australian Junior Championship automatic qualifier for they Australian Championships to be held Perth next Year.

- Congratulations to Samuel Kohne who got a silver medal at the CHS State Championship for the Riverina 800 metres (2min 3sec).

- Congratulations to Cody Hastings who was a finalist in the student Moran Photographic Prize, which is an exhibition in Sydney.

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Wednesday the 4th of November, the newly elected prefects and some SRC members attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference.

It was a fun and interactive day that allowed all of us to develop our leadership skills through a series of activities designed to push everyone out of their comfort zone – something that resulted in Lachi Agnew and Rachel Habermann being blindfolded on stage in quite a humorous challenge.

Despite the antics and laughter that ensued, the coordinators from GRIP taught all who attended valuable leadership skills, and more importantly, how these techniques could be instigated at a school and community based level.

After filling Albury High School’s leadership body with a heightened sense of passion and drive, we are all planning to help create an even better school environment for students and staff alike.

A special thank you must also be extended to Mr Miller and Miss Higham for making such a worthwhile event possible!

Elyse Hannan and Tim Lutton Year 12
Year 9 Report

As we say goodbye to 2015, it’s appropriate for myself as Year Adviser to reflect on the year and to look towards Year 10. Generally speaking the students have been fantastic and really made the most of the opportunities that are available at AHS.

Year 9 have really taken to the Volunteering program this year with many students with multiple hours logged already. They will get recognition for their efforts with certificates. This community service is a fantastic experience to be included on a resume.

Uniform standards have slipped recently and students are reminded of the correct procedures about bringing in notes to explain why they are out of uniform. If you have a concern about uniform, please ring me at the school to discuss if we can assist.

I have also been speaking to several students about attendance. It is important with the new procedures that came in this year that absences are explained promptly. Some parents/caregivers have emailed me directly and this is fine. Many students will have absences that are unexplained and this looks poor on a report, particularly if they are interviewing for and applying for jobs.

Reports will be handed out in Week 11. If you know that your child will be away for this week the only way a report can be collected is:

1) By providing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to myself prior to this week (minimum A5 envelope)
2) Only parents can collect from the front office No reports will be given to siblings or friends.

We are thoroughly looking forward to the Adelaide excursion. Lots of information has been provided at regular meetings. Please ensure you communicate with your child about the required dress code and spending money.

Lastly I would like to thank the parents. You have been an immense support to me over the last few years in encouraging students and supporting their needs.

A reminder that if you need to contact me, I am best contacted on my work email which is tracey.lee5@det.nsw.edu.au

I look forward to Year 10!

Tracey Lee
Ag/Science Teacher - Y9 Adviser

EAL Students Discovering Employment Opportunities Program

The Year 9 and 10 EAL students have been participating in a program which has focused on the skills required to get a job. They have learned the skills needed to write resumes, cover letters, online job applications, interview skills and have visited different workplaces in Albury. The workplaces visited include Westmont Aged Care, Big W, Police, Fire Brigade, Hospital, McDonalds, KFC and Milspec. In addition to workplace visits the students have also had the opportunity to participate in work experience as part of this program.

This program has given the students the confidence and knowledge required to complete job applications, to ask questions and to participate in job interviews.

Megan Salter
Great Victorian Bike Ride

This Saturday a team of 7 riders will assemble in Ballarat for the 2015 Great Vic Bike Ride.

This year’s ride covers the central Victorian Goldfields region and the ride will see us cover about 600 kms over 7 days of riding. It is a camping, fully catered ride with loads of support vehicles and nightly entertainment. It is not a race, even though we are collectively very quick (!).

We will be travelling through towns such as Avoca, Heathcote, Dunolly, Inglewood and Castlemaine, before finishing the ride back in Bendigo on Sunday December 6th.

This year's 'peloton' includes Erin Macdonald of Year 12, Will Perry of Year 11, Isaac Wolki, Oliver O'Neill and Zacharie Rogers of Year 9, with Lisa Higham and myself as staff riders.

During the ride they announce next year's course, so stay tuned and start planning if you would like to be involved in 2016.

Happy pedalling.

Craig Day - Ride Coordinator

Students graduate from Youth Albury Wodonga Leadership Program

On Sunday 22nd November I had the pleasure of attending the graduation ceremony for all the participants in the Youth Albury Wodonga Leadership Program.

This program is open to youth from the Upper Murray region from Corryong to Rutherglen. The students had to submit an application before taking part in an interview.

There were 20 boys and 20 girls chosen to participate in the program and these students completed an initial 2 day camp to get to know each other which was followed by a 10 day camp. The students talked about making new friends, working together as a team and trying new activities and skills.

The students from Albury High School who were selected were Khalil Amini, Luke Wilson and Nicholas Hill and the girls were Kate Freund and Samantha McKinnon.

The graduation included dragon boat racing and lunch.

I would like to congratulate these students on being involved in a fantastic opportunity for the youth of Albury, Wodonga and beyond.

Megan Salter

REQUEST:

ANYONE WHO HAS A RECORDED COPY OF THE MUSICAL “CLASS OF 77” COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL RECEPTION.

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE.
P&C NEWS

BOOK PACKS 2016
Book pack sales are the major fund raising initiative of the Albury High School P&C. Your support is greatly appreciated.
All students should have now received book pack order forms. If you missed receiving a copy or have lost the form, please see Mrs Wilson in the library for a new one. Forms are also available on the AHS website.
All Year 6 students have received their forms at the 'Taste of High School' days held earlier this month.
Payment is made on Collection Day by cash, cheque (payable to AHS P&C Assoc), Mastercard & Visa. There is no EFTPOS on the day. A P&C representative will also be available at school from Monday 30th Nov from 2pm to 3.30pm for advance payment of 2016 school fees or book pack payments.
Barkers OPD will be supplying the AHS book packs for 2016. The Book Pack order form also includes voluntary contributions (which include the school magazine), subjects fees for Year 7 and 8 and sport shirt and hat orders. Elective fees for Years 9 – 12 are billed separately in 2016.

• Friday 27th Nov: book pack order forms due back to Albury High School
• Wednesday 20th Jan, 2016: Book pack collection day at the AHS Old Gym (no EFTPOS payments on this day – cash, cheque, Mastercard or Visa only)
• Catch up collection: 10am – 1pm in Old Gym on Friday 22nd Jan, Monday 25th Jan, Wednesday 27th Jan & Thursday 28th Jan.

Please consider supporting the P&C when purchasing school requirements for 2016 as all profits from sales, plus voluntary school contributions, are used in projects within the school.

SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Cricket: Rixon Cup v Xavier HS
Tuesday Nov 24th at Xavier HS No 1 Oval. AHS won toss and batted.
Albury HS 9/139 – Nick Brown 56no off 74 balls, Angus Kilby 23 off 55 balls, Cody Moncrieff 21 off 47 balls, were the pick of the batsman.
In reply Xavier HS all out 80. Rhys King 4/9. Nick Brown 2/11 were the best of the bowlers.
Albury HS won by 59 runs.
The team now plays Billabong HS on Friday December 4th.

Milliken Cup
Tues Nov 24th at Xavier HS No 2 Oval. AHS won toss and batted.
Albury HS 8/170 – Jay Burr-Hillary 52no off 83 balls, Wilson Mack 48 off 59 balls, Austin Shepherd 18 off 65 balls, were the pick of the batsman.
In reply Xavier HS all out 146. Rhys King 2/9, Nick Brown 2/19, Pretious 2/14 were the best of the bowlers.
Albury HS won by 24 runs. The team now plays Billabong HS on Friday December 4th.

TERM 4 - COMING EVENTS

WEEK 9
Thursday 3 December 9.30am - 2.30pm
Year 7 Orientation Day 2016

WEEK 10
Monday 7 - Friday 11 December
Year 9 Adelaide Excursion
Wednesday 9 - Friday 11 December
Year 10 Harrietville Camp

WEEK 11
Tuesday 15 December - 11.30am
Presentation Day
Wednesday 16 December
Last day of School for students
MOBILE PHONE USE BY STUDENTS
ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Albury High School has adopted the approach that allows students to bring mobile phones to school. In cases of emergency, contact should be made through the school office.

The following conditions of appropriate use must be adhered to by all students wishing to have a mobile phone at Albury High School:-

- Unless specified by your classroom teacher that your phone will be used in the lesson for educational purposes, your phone is to be turned off and kept in your schoolbag or pocket out of sight (and not handled) during lessons so that the learning environment is not disrupted.

- Not to be used to intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

- Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk. The school will not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage to mobile phones.

- The camera functions on phones are not to be used at any time during the school day.

- Repeated instances of inappropriate use will result in the phone being confiscated and not returned until a parent comes to the school to collect it, followed by normal school disciplinary measures for continued disobedience (after school detention imposed).

NB The procedures applying to the use of mobile phones apply equally to the use of portable computer games, ipods, MP3 players and similar devices.

⇒ Refusal to hand over the mobile phone or audio device will be referred to the relevant Deputy Principal.

⇒ Students will be immediately suspended from classes until the device is surrendered.

⇒ Disciplinary measures for failing to follow a teacher’s instruction and defiant behaviour will ensue.