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**November 11 2015**

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As always life moves on very quickly at College and after a wonderful Graduation week 2 weeks ago all of our lives (staff and students) are totally embroiled now in Examinations.

We are well into the Unit 3/4 examination period which concludes next week on Wednesday 18 November. On behalf of the staff, I once again wish to state just how proud we are of the 2015 Year 12 group. Their leadership and collegiality have been wonderful to watch. The Senior School centre has been a constructive place to be with many of the Year 12 students coming in to work in classrooms, at whiteboards and with each other and their teachers. I wish them every happiness and success as they move onto their next exciting chapter.

Our Year 11 students are ready to step up and sit their examinations from Monday 9 November to Tuesday 17 November.

At the conclusion of the exams there are a number of critically important days to enable a smooth transition into Year 12 on Wednesday 25 November.

Firstly **Wednesday 18 November** is a student free day (not that critically important!)

**Thursday 19 November** – All Englishes day in the SSC where important teacher and learning will occur for all of our students in their chosen subject in English.

**Friday 20 November / Monday 23 November** – All students to return to their Unit 2 classes for 2 days of Exam returns and feedback.

If a student wishes to change their academic program post examinations but pre Head Start – they are to make an appointment via the SSO with Laura or myself for Thursday 19 or Friday 20 November

**Tuesday 24 November** - Annual Year 12 conference – SSC.

**Wednesday 25 November** – Head Start commences at 8.45am

Planning is well under way for the start of the 2016 academic year. A central part of the start of each year is the Year 12 conference, and this year will be no different.

There are two central goals to the conference are to provide students with the knowledge and tools to be able to:

1. Work smart
2. Maintain a good balance

Working smart relates to using study techniques that research demonstrates are effective, as opposed to those that research shows are ineffective. Some basic rules of thumb are that study techniques that require recall are more effective – for example, practice tests and flash cards; whereas study techniques such as re-reading and highlighting tend to make the studier feel good (because there is a familiarity with what they are reading that creates a belief that they are remembering) but are less effective.

Another rule of thumb is that study spaced over time is more effective that is more effective than ‘massed’ study – i.e. cramming. It is better if study occurs in regular interspersed spells rather than trying to spend a concentrated amount of time (the actual time spent is the same).

To be able to work smart in this manner requires planning. Preparation for SACs needs to be thought out well in advance rather than a week before, and throughout the year students need to go back to content that has been previously covered at regular intervals rather than attempting to relearn everything once the course is over towards the end of the year.

It also means that they need accept that at times it is going to be hard; it is frustrating when a student cannot recall a fact on a flash card or cannot remember how to do a question – but this attempt at retrieval and prompting of memory strengthens the neural connections that improves memory in the long term. It can feel like a slow slog at the time, but by the end of the year they will be in a much better position that someone who has created summary notes or re-read notes.

Maintaining balance means that students need to avoid the suggestion to give up everything but study for Year 12. As a school, we have consistently found that the students who have successfully achieved their goals have maintained a wide array of interests throughout Year 12 – whether that has been through
plays, musicals, ensembles, debating or on the sporting field. Our dux in 2014, Tom Harris, took time each week to volunteer as a tutor. Many have had part time jobs, involving a shift or two a week. Most importantly, they have maintained friendships – they have had fun. It is important that students make time for these activities as part of their schedule.

Year 12 is an exciting year, full of opportunities, and we cannot wait to see the Class of 2016 grasp these with both hands.

David Parker & Laura Brady
Co-Heads of Senior School

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Trivia Night
The Trivia Night held on the Friday 30 October was attended by over 70 of our 9/10 students and we are pleased to announce that over $500 was raised for World Vision. This was an initiative conceived and driven by our 9/10 Leaders who were ably supported by the 9/10 House Leaders and we congratulate them all. An enjoyable night was had and money raised for a worthy cause! We hope that this may well become an annual event on the 9/10 calendar.

Christmas Hampers
The Christmas Hampers organised by Henderson House are beginning to fill. Thank you to all those who have contributed. For those who would still like to contribute, the Hampers will remain in the 9/10 Office throughout the duration of this week awaiting any non-perishable goodies that students care to donate. All proceeds will be donated to Uniting Care for distribution among needy members of our community.

Examinations
Examinations for our Year 10 students have started. Time has been dedicated in House for each student to organise a study plan. Please help your sons and daughters keep to their planned study timetables. One of the most important elements of Year 10 examinations is establishing effective study habits that they can take into the VCE years. Sometimes gentle reminders and support from parents and teachers go a long way to help students keep sensible, appropriate and balanced study regimes.

Key Dates Reminder
- Tuesday 17 November: Year 10 and Unit 2 examinations conclude
- Wednesday 18 November: Year 10 students not required to attend school
- Thursday 19 November: Year 10 students not required to attend school
- Friday 20 November: Year 10 classes recommence
- Wednesday 25 November: Head Start commences with new Year 11 classes starting
- Tuesday 8 December: Term 4 classes conclude, 3.20pm
- Tuesday 8 December: Year 5-10 Presentation Night, WCPA
- Monday 14 to Friday 18 December (inclusive): Work Experience for interested Year 10 students

Second hand books sale
- Saturday 21 November: 9am-12pm
- Tuesday 24 November: 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.30pm – 6pm
- Friday 27 November: 12.30-4.30pm
- Saturday 28 November: 8.30am-12pm

King Island Parent Weekend
Good luck to all the parents heading down to King Island this coming weekend. We hope you have a safe flight and an enjoyable reunion with your child. The students are certainly anticipating your arrival.

Jen Bourke & David Struth
Co-Heads of 9/10
In two weeks’ time many of the Middle School students will begin their Head Start program. At College we believe that our class time is precious and that the beginning of a student’s time in a classroom is incredibly important for their future learning. As Dr Ron Richhart says in his book on Intellectual Character:

"...the best predictor of how the school year will progress in any particular classroom is the first week of school...Day one is the time when expectations for social and intellectual behaviour are set and when students assess the orientation of the classroom towards learning and work. It is also the time when trust is built, mutual respect is established, routines and structures for learning are introduced...virtually every action a teacher takes during the first days of school send messages about expectations and values, which will in turn influence the development of students’ inclinations." (p.60)

The Head Start program aims to develop these classroom relationships and routines before Christmas. It allows students to learn about their new teachers and the subjects before the Christmas break, allowing them to be more sure of what 2016 will hold for them.

In the last two weeks of the school year (November 25 until December 8) students in Years 7 to 11 will begin their 2016 academic year by attending new classes. This will mean that the school will operate under a new timetable, with students attending classes just as they will in 2016. During this time students will be taught by the teachers they will have next year and begin the 2016 curriculum. Essentially, Year 7 2015 students will spend the two weeks as Year 8 students, Year 8 students as Year 9 and so on.

Current Year 5 and 6 students will remain in their current classes for the first week of Head Start but will receive a new timetable. They will have the same teachers but some of the lessons may appear on different days. Where Year 5 German and Japanese may have occurred Period 4 on a Tuesday afternoon, it may instead be held on a Wednesday for that week.

All this is aimed to have the best possible finish to 2015 and the best possible start to 2016.

Shaune Moloney & Reid Smith
Co-Heads of Middle School

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BAS Sport (Y7-12)
In week 6 students will compete in Round 5 of the BAS competition. A reminder that Round 6 (W7) will be the last week of the Term 4 BAS competition for Seconds Cricket, Year 10 Netball, Inter Boys Volleyball, Jr Boys Tennis, Jr Girls Tennis.

First XI Cricket – T20 Draw
Round 2 – Friday 6 Nov – BCC v SPC at BCC – Game rescheduled due to weather.
Round 3 (Split Round) – Friday 20 Nov – BCC v BHS at BHS
Play Offs – Friday 27th Nov – TBC

BAS Results
All BAS Sport results/fixtures/ladders/rules etc. can be located on the BAS Website: http://bas.vic.edu.au/

BCC Physical Activities
All physical activities (Get Fit, Spin, Weights, Swim Squad) will run through until the end of Week 8.

Student Sporting Achievements
William Talbot (Y6)
Congratulations to William Talbot who placed 3rd in the Long Jump at the Regional Victorian Track and Field Championships.

Abby Bicknell
Abby competed at the All Schools Track & Field Championships at Lakeside Stadium on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 weekend in U14 Javelin, Abby placed 10th out of 18th competitors. Abby is also a member of the West Vic Academy of Sport, Athletics, and receives specialist training in Javelin and Discus. Well done Abby.

Katherine Dowie
Katherine also competed the All Schools Track & Field Championships on the weekend in the 2000m steeple and the 3000m. Katherine placed 1st in the 2000m steeple chase and 2nd in the 3000m. Katherine also recently broke the Open 2km steeple chase record at the Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre. Congratulations Katherine.

Term 4 Co-curricular Choices
All students in years 7-10 must be participating in a co-curricular activity. If your child has not yet registered for an activity they must speak with their Learning Mentor.

Sport Page on connect@clarendon
All other relevant notices will also be posted on Connect. Week 4 Travel Details are now available on Connect and the Clarendon Phone App.

Contact Details
If you have any questions regarding the Sport & Physical program at BCC, please contact me via email macdonaldle@clarendon.vic.edu.au or on 5330 8157.

Leah Macdonald
Head of Sport
performing arts

Dance
Middle School Dance classes
There was a definite buzz within the Middle School Dance classes as they prepare to present their final performance assessments. Students are finalising their small group and whole class compositions and have completed their Musical Theatre group pieces. This task required the students to create their own musical or adapt an existing one, with the students responsible for generating personalised scripts, choreography, costumes, music edits and so on. Below are some photos from our Year 5 class, who were not only entertaining in their renditions of High School Musical, The Lion King, Mary Poppins and Annie, but did an outstanding job in organising costumes. It is fantastic to see the students try new things, practice new content knowledge in a practical way and work together as a team to accomplish a task.

Click here for photos

Sarah Perkins wins City of Ballarat Performing Arts Youth Award
The City of Ballarat 2015 Youth Award-winners were honoured at the Ceremony at Regent Cinemas on Friday 23 October, 2015. Fourteen worthy winners were named from a record 87 nominees at the celebration of Ballarat’s inspiring young people and their family and friends. Every year, the City of Ballarat Youth Awards recognises our wonderful local youth who make a unique and positive contribution to life in Ballarat.

Sarah is an old Collegian who has been recognised by The Australian Ballet School, winning every award in her age group at Royal South Street including the Classical and Pirouette Championships. She was also one for four Victorian dancers selected for the Queensland Ballet Senior Program. She has just completed her first year in this program and has been selected for her second year training in 2016.

Dance for a Cure- our students supporting Breast Cancer awareness.
On Tuesday 3 November, many of our students performed with their local ballet schools at Her Majesty’s Theatre in a performance to support Breast Cancer awareness. The performance raised over $10,000 for the foundation. An outstanding effort.

End of year recitals
As we come to the end of another dancing year, the Performing Arts department congratulate and wish all students the best of luck for their performances in their ballet schools recitals. These performances are a wonderful opportunity to share what you have learnt throughout the year and build lifelong memories with your dancing friends. I look forward to seeing and supporting your dancing on stage over the coming weeks.

Drama
Senior School production
‘We will be right back after this murder’ has been cast and the students are now rehearsing. Damian Muir is directing the show and is showing a real talent. This is a very funny play and the students are working hard.

Unit 3/4
Students completed their performance examination with gusto. They all made time and believed their pieces were well received by the outside panels.

Junior Showcase
This Saturday we will see our Junior School perform at Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts from 5–7pm. This will be a very exciting night with all students taking part.

Music
Term 4 Concert Series
Good luck to those who are preparing for exams – your pieces sounded very polished at the concert so I’m sure your exam will be a great experience. You are all invited to the Evening Concert in Week 6 Wednesday in the Coltman Theatre 7pm for some more great solos.

Click here for lunchtime concert photos
Springfest
Springfest is on Sunday 29 November this year and we will be performing at the end of the tram line near Forrest St. More information for the specific groups performing will be sent in due course.

Orientation Week
There will be a series of lunchtime concerts held in Orientation Week in Wanliss Square. The timetable is up in the PAC and students will be directed by their Ensemble Directors about the specifics of their performance.

Year 10 Music and Unit 2 Music Performance Showcase
Congratulations to the performers of the concerts held in Week 5. It was exciting to see these students having matured as performers throughout the year. There was a variety of styles and instruments and great comradery amongst the students. Some Unit 4 Music Performance students provided great feedback to the students to help them prepare for VCE. Thank you to Christine Schuler and Fiona Wilson, Year 10 teachers, and Lauren Knight, accompanist, for preparing the students so well for their performance assessments.

Upcoming performances
Term 4 Evening Concert 7pm 11 November GC Lecture Theatre
2015 FEET performance Mercure Inn 14 November (private function)
Novice Band and MS Percussion Ensemble tour Thursday 12 November
2105 FEET at Grow Master Nursery 25-26 November
Lunchtime concerts (various ensembles) from 30 November until 4 December

Sarah Barlow  Michael Harrop  Lauren Young
Head of Music  Head of Drama  Head of Dance
The Visual Arts department recently ran a workshop with indigenous artist Adam Hill (aka Blak Douglas). Adam’s portrait titled “Smoke and mirrors (Uncle Max Eulo)” is currently exhibited in the Ballarat Art Gallery as a finalist in the Archibald Prize.

Adam spoke to a group of Year 9-12 students about his experiences in the art world and how his work has developed over time. The workshop was a great opportunity for our students to meet a practising artist and to consider the meanings and messages behind his work. Adam’s work in the past has been quite political and the students were challenged to think about what they find important and meaningful and to communicate these messages through their own artwork. We hope to run more workshops in 2016.

“Design An Ad”
The Year 10 Visual Communication and Design students entered the Ballarat Courier’s “Design An Ad” competition in September. Students were given a business to design an ad for but the actual imagery and layout was up to them.

Congratulations to Georgia Emery who came second in the High School section, winning $200. Her design is pictured to the right.

To view all the entrants please click on the following link: http://ballarat.designanad.com.au/daa/design/entrants

Michelle Green
Head of Visual Arts

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For this article I thought it would be an opportunity for an insight into some student reflections while on the King Island program. The following are reflections from students while participating on their 24 hour solo experience. In the meantime, students completed their Northern Journey Hike on Saturday 7 November and are excited for Parents Weekend coming up on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November.

Luke Caldwell
Head of Grassy Campus, King Island

Measurement of Success
By Zoe Johnson

With what do we measure the term success?
Is it with fame? With fortune? Or being the best.
Do we thrive to succeed in being well-known?
Or are we successful, if we end up alone?

Do we judge others successfulness on how rich they’ve become?
Do we judge them purely on whether they have fun?
Does it matter whether our homes are absolutely huge?
Of if a box on the street is where you take refuge?

Success can mean different things to people everywhere,
to people caring about nature, to people without a care.
Maybe being successful is ending up on TV,
or writing a novel that everyone can see.

For me the is not set in stone,
it is not measured by the size of my home.
It is not compared to famous sports stars,
or depending on whether I ever set foot on Mars

It is measured at the end of each day,
if I am happy with my life and decision I am able to say,
I am successful because this is where I want to be.
Success is satisfaction at least it is for me.

Solo Reflection
By Amelia Faull

Every journey has a story,
and to waste an experience isn’t always a glory.

Don’t count down the days, don’t avoid the opportunity.
Don’t let the time pass by, don’t leave without unity.
Don’t pass up chances, don’t walk around clueless.
Don’t waste the days, don’t hate the phase.

But,
Be accepting of the challenges,
be accepting of the tasks nearing.
Be accepting to push your comfort zone,
be accepting of fearing.
Be accepting of your weaknesses,
be accepting of the cheers.
Be accepting of others,
be accepting of new ideas.
It's not a race to the finish line,
or who will get there in the quickest time.
The memories you gain,
are ones not insane.
The opportunity is rare,
thus, take the time to share.
The meaning behind the term,
and the life experiences you will learn.
**Year 8 Japanese Tokyo Grill House excursion**

All 27 students and the 3 staff boarded the bus. We were off to the Tokyo Grill House. When we arrived, we sat ourselves around 3 of the teppanyaki grills. We learnt that it was disrespectful to pour a drink for yourself so we all poured each other a drink. The first dish was a bowl of miso soup which almost everyone enjoyed. After that we received a salad and then we were into the main courses. We ate some teriyaki beef steak and chicken, both which were cooked on the grill to perfection, and was also accompanied by a bowl of rice. We had some grilled vegetables after but we were all excited about the final dish: the green tea ice-cream. Everyone finished their bowl of ice-cream pretty quickly and after that we were soon back on the bus back to school. We all learnt some valuable rules about Japanese cuisine including that you shouldn’t stick your chopsticks in your rice but instead lay them beside your bowl. This trip to the Tokyo Grill House was a great insight into Japanese cuisine and its valuable rules.

*By Jessica Campbell*
Year 8 Japanese Language student

日本語のえんそく
八年生 ルチア

十月二十二日 日本語のクラスととうきょうグリルハウスにいきました。ケネディーせんせいとキングせんせいもいきました。てりやきチキンを食べました。てりやきチキンはおいしかったです。そしてサラダを食べました。サラダはまずかった。そしてごはんを食べました。ごはんはよかったです。みそするを飲みました。日本語のえんそくはたのしかった。

*By Lucia Ricciardi*
Year 8 Japanese Language student

Click here for photos

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This year’s annual giving program has focused on raising funds to help develop a brand new Fitness Centre and state-of-the-art Rowing Tank. It’s a project that is in line with the school’s ‘Fit for Life’ plan, where the school takes an active role in providing learning opportunities for students to give them the knowledge they need to make positive health and lifestyle choices such as fitness both now and throughout their life.

It’s an incredibly exciting project which will commence its construction at the end of the year. Here are some of the highlights of the new Fitness Centre and Rowing Tank;

- The Rowing Tank, will be the first of its kind in Australia and has been designed by an internationally acclaimed rowing-tank architect.
- It will be motorised to generate water currents which simulate outdoor water conditions, and regulated by a remote-control system.
- It can accommodate 16 rowers, with two parallel pools, but can be used with as few as two rowers. Donors have the chance to ‘purchase’ a rowing seat and we only have 5 left! Please download the brochure for more information.
- Clear window along Wanliss Street will give bystanders a glimpse into the movement of the water.
- The new infinity pool will be heated using sustainable solar power.
- The new spin room will accommodate 30 spin bikes for group lessons, including early-morning sessions such as Pilates and yoga. The floor will be fitted with a ‘spring floor’ and mirrors along the wall, ideal for dance classes.

As the beginning of the construction for this project draws closer and interest from across the community grows, please contact the Communications Office if you are interested in a chance to learn more about the Fitness Centre & Rowing Tank from the Project Architect at a reception on Wednesday 16 December from 5.30 to 7pm.

Emily Roffe-Silvester
Director of Development

communications@clarendon.vic.edu.au

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Ballarat Clarendon College has an on-site uniform shop run by Dobsons. A percentage of every purchase is returned to the School.

Location and contact details
The Uniform Shop is located at 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat. The Uniform Shop is located in the building in front of the Girls Boarding House adjacent to the Tennis Courts.

Telephone: (03) 5330 8305
Email: bac@dobsons.com.au

Trading Hours Thursday 12 to Saturday 28 November 2015

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Do you need an appointment outside of our Trading Hours?
We also offer individual fitting appointments. Please contact Leanne on (03) 5330 8305 during Trading Hours or via email bac@dobsons.com.au to arrange a suitable time.

Price List and additional Opening Hours
Our Price List and details of our additional Opening Hours for Orientation Days, Head Start, Transition Week, P&F Secondhand Book Sale and January 2016 can be located on connect@clarendon. We would be happy to email you a copy of our Price List and Opening Hours.

Buy Early and Save Promotion
Our Buy Early and Save Promotion has commenced. Must purchase before Wednesday 25 November, 2015.

Payment Facilities
EFT and Credit Card facilities are available. You can also apply, in store or online, for a Dobsons Account. Credit Card Authority forms are available at the Uniform Shop. Cheques are not accepted.

JSPG, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club Merchandise
We have various items for cash sale on behalf of the Junior School Parents Group, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club. The items available include Organisational Bags, Knitted Beanies, Parents & Friends Caps, Rowing Caps, Rowing Badges and Rowing Polar Fleece Vests.

Buying or Selling Second-hand Items
Dobsons also sell, in store, a range of second-hand uniforms on behalf of parents. A donation will be given to the Parents and Friends for each sale of second-hand uniforms. Please contact us to discuss. For online buying or selling, please visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au
For buying and selling your child’s requirements for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels visit www.uniformswapshop.com.au

Buy and sell: uniforms, books, sports equipment, musical instruments, camera and film, art supplies, electronics, CD and DVDs.

All sales assist YOUR School community and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. Easy to navigate, easy to buy, easy to sell. 24 hour access to goods. No commissions - 100% of money received by the seller. Try it today: www.uniformswapshop.com.au
Second Hand Books
The Parents and Friends will be once again conducting the second hand book sales in Term 4. We have set aside one day for the receiving of books only in order to maximise the stock we have for sale.

We will be opening on the following days and will be situated in Room 708.

- Tuesday 17 November 12–4pm, receiving books only. No sales on this day.
- Saturday 21 November 9am–12pm
- Tuesday 24 November 10.30am–12.30pm and 2.30–6pm
- Friday 27 November 12.30–4.30pm
- Saturday 28 November 8.30am–12pm

We ask that any unsold books be collected on Thursday 3 December, 2.30–4.30pm

We hope parents and students will support us in this endeavour.

Our final meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 1 December, Macfarland Hall at 7.30pm. New members and interested parents are always welcome.

Jenni White
President Parents & Friends

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1920 Club Social Evenings
The rowing season is underway and the 1920 Club are organising social evenings on each Friday starting 13 November until the end of term at the Rowing Shed.

We have a beautiful venue at the rowing shed and feel it is underutilised - please join us to enjoy the balmy summer evenings at Lake Wendouree. Call in for a drink, a chat or just to sit and enjoy the views. You might even see some of our students rowing and training hard. How great for the kids to see their parents supporting and enjoying the BCC community.

Join us from 6pm to 8pm each Friday for a few refreshments overlooking the lake. Feel free to bring your family and friends. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Tom Dowling
1920 Club

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student withdrawals

Important Notice

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS – FEE IN LIEU OF NOTICE
Families are reminded of an important section of the College enrolment policy:

A term’s notice in writing must be received by the Principal before a student leaves, or a boarder becomes a day student; otherwise a charge of up to half an instalment's fees will be levied.
Notice of withdrawal ideally should include the reason for withdrawal.

Therefore if anyone is planning on a change to their current enrolment status notice is required in writing to the Principal before the end of this term to avoid possible penalty.

Denis Moneghetti
Registrar

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**Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience**

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience tells the story of Australia’s involvement in the First World War and the ensuing century of service of our armed forces.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be open to the Ballarat community from 8–14 November 2015. The event takes place at the Ballarat Exhibition Centre and runs daily from 9am–6pm.

The experience provides an immersive and interactive way for Australians to commemorate the First World War. For school students it provides an invaluable learning opportunity, with direct links to the Australian curriculum. It’s recommended for students from Year 5 onwards and a range of downloadable teaching materials are available online at [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au).

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au).

Follow us on social media and find out what previous visitors have said about us on Facebook by searching ‘Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience’.

[Click here](#) for further information

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**Crockers School Wear Sale**

Crockers 10% school wear sale is now on and will continue till Saturday 19 December.

Lay by welcome.

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