Welcome to our August Newsletter

Yesterday afternoon Brigidine held a memorial mass for Mr Alan Lisi. Mr Lisi was a teacher at Brigidine from 1984 until 2010. He was Mathematics Coordinator from 1992. Since his retirement Mr Lisi came back to Brigidine for some relief work and as a tutor to our HSC students. His death, like all untimely deaths, was a great shock to our community. We were all touched by the number of ex students, staff and parents who came back to attend Mass and the refreshments that followed back at the College. The Mass was attended by Mr Lisi’s brother and sister in law, nieces and a number of neighbours and friends. Mr Lisi’s family has a special journey through grief as they had to travel from the United States and then make all the preparations for Mr Lisi’s funeral when they arrived.

On Tuesday I spoke to the Yr 11 girls who are presently making decisions about 2013 student leadership. We ask the girls to nominate themselves for a number of positions or one position. One of the questions they must respond to on their nomination form is “What do you think Brigidine needs from its student leaders to take forward its Catholic culture and academic reputation.” The girls faces went a little blank at the words “Catholic Culture”: so used are they to the impressions of Catholicism given by the modern media, it hasn’t perhaps occurred to the girls that Catholics have a whole way of being which is consciously developed and recognizable; a culture that is dependent on individuals “acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God” within the space created by our sacred rituals.

The activities of yesterday afternoon were an example of Catholic culture in action. The ritual of the Eucharist draws us together even though we are different ages and come from very different experiences in the Church. It would have made perfect sense to our ex-students that Brigidine would hold a memorial Mass and that it would be inclusive of all who remembered Mr Lisi. It also makes sense that we would gather together for refreshments and be a little lighter of heart and mind as we share memories of our colleague, friend and teacher.
In his article *The Catholic church’s ritual unites us more than beliefs*, Professor Patrick Henry quotes Catholic priest and theologian, Erasmus, who maintained that faith is “more of a way of life than of a profession of articles”. The article calls us to remember the primacy of living Christianity so that peace and concord is established rather than thinking about ideas connected to Christianity and using ideas as a measure of our righteousness. Henry concludes his article.

“Whatever we believe regarding contemporary contentious issues does not qualify us as Catholics or disqualify us from being Catholic. We should not allow them to disrupt the peace of the church. Our rituals unite us all, from Siberia to Ethiopia, and enable us to claim in our diversity that we are all members of the same body.”

We were all united yesterday afternoon in consoling each other and in wanting to care for Mr Lisi’s family and friends. On behalf of our Community I thank Mr McFadden, Ms Ross and Miss Ainsworth who once again organized the music, the girls who stayed after school to play and sing, the ex students, teachers and parents who joined us, Father Peter Hearn who always knows how to make the liturgy so authentic and the staff at Brigidine who are so imbued with Catholic culture that directions for the afternoon were minimal. We all knew what needed to be done.

Professor Henry’s whole article can be read at [http://ncronline.org/news/spirituality/catholic-churchs-ritual-unites-us-more-beliefs](http://ncronline.org/news/spirituality/catholic-churchs-ritual-unites-us-more-beliefs)

**Applying for leave**

It is the requirement of the NSW Government that parents officially apply for Leave from a Principal using specially devised forms. These forms are available through the student office at Brigidine or can be downloaded from our website. The link is in the Parent Handbook in What To Do If…… 14. *Your daughter wishes to have Leave during the school year.*

**Online Marking System**

The girls may have told you that we are underway with our on line roll marking system. The software package holds much potential for the storage of data about our students and we are in the early stages of its use at Brigidine. Currently Mrs McGahan and the Office staff are working at lodging parents mobile phone numbers into the system so that you can receive a sms message if your daughter is absent or late and we have not heard from you with a reason for this. I ask that girls are at school at 8.30 at the latest to prepare themselves for classes to start at 8.40. Rolls are marked at 8.45 am approximately.

**WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AT BRIDIDNE?**

The calendar on the website is updated regularly. The girls have their planners with dates. We hate changing dates but are sometimes forced to. Parents need to check the website.

**May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell**

**Ms Kate Edmondson**

**Principal**
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It’s the end of Week 4 already. The Year 12s have almost finished their HSC Trials and their time with us is quickly coming to an end. The Year 11s are preparing to become the leaders of our community. It is an exciting time for all especially for our Year 12s as they begin to pave a life after Brigidine.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

It is important that the students understand that their travel passes are a privilege. When the travel application form was completed by you, it had a Code of Conduct for school students attached. By signing this application form, you are agreeing to abide by this code of conduct which is quite detailed. So when students fail to follow these rules, they risk huge fines and confiscation if the travel passes are used inappropriately. We are reminding parents and students of the following rules associated with travel passes

1. Students must behave appropriately by respecting the needs and comfort of other passengers;
2. Give up seats to all adults and disabled passengers;
3. Obey reasonable directions from the driver;
4. Respect property by not vandalising it;
5. SHOW or SWIPE travel passes as they alight the bus;
6. Use the pass for travelling directly to and from school ONLY;
7. Travel passes are NOT to be used after 7.30pm; and
8. Travel passes are NOT to be shared or borrowed.

Finally NO student should be catching a school or public bus from outside the Children’s Hospital in High Street. The ongoing congregation of students on hospital grounds is disruptive to the operation of the hospital especially the Emergency Department.

BEHAVIOUR IN PUBLIC

Part of what we do at Brigidine is includes nurturing the girls towards being responsible citizens both within the Brigidine community and in the wider community. I would like to continue by reminding the girls that whilst we acknowledge that each girl is unique, when they are in school uniform they represent the entire Brigidine community. Each student is expected to be on her best behaviour at all times especially when in public. This means that students are

- To behave with respect and dignity;
- To be courteous and polite;
- To refrain from using inappropriate language;
- Not to loiter in shopping areas, or in any other public area;
- To travel directly to and from school without any diversions unless physically accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- To be wearing the correct full school uniform; and
- To act in a responsible and mature manner.
PARKING

I would like to remind parents that Brigidine College is a site that presents difficulty for parents electing to drop off and pick up their children. To ensure safety at all times, parents are asked to remember the following:

- The drop off and pick up zone is on Coogee Bay Rd. Please adhere to the parking signs. There is NO PARKING in Aeolia Street.
- The worst times to collect and drop off your daughters are between 8.20 am—8.30 am and 3.20pm—3.30 pm. Perhaps you might consider arriving and departing outside these times.
- Double parking is ILLEGAL and jeopardizes student safety.
- **IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO CREATE AN ACCIDENT.**

I am including for your information a summary of some of the penalties and demerits associated with school zones.

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<td>If you stop in, on or near an intersection in school zone - fine from $232</td>
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<td>• Within 20 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights;</td>
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<td>Stop on/near pedestrian/marked foot crossing / children's crossing - $397 + 2 demerit points</td>
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Make an illegal U turn in a School Zone - $397 +4 demerit points (ARR - 38). Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone - $397 +4 demerit points (ARR 300-1)


Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan
Assistant Principal

THE 2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
The 2011 Annual School Report to the Community is now available on the College Website under the Administration menu and in the “What’s New” section (29 June 2011) as well as at the school administration office.

*******SAVE THE DATE******MOVIE NIGHT: THE SAPPHIRES (PG)************
Our "Mums' and Daughters’" Movie Night is on Monday 20 August at 6.30pm
Please do come along and join for a fun-filled night with friends and family.
Tickets on sale as from next week in the office foyer at recess and lunch breaks.
ADULTS $15.00 - STUDENTS $10.00
Thanks from the P & F Committee.

OVERDUE WALKATHON MONEY MUST BE RETURNED BY NEXT WEEK!

Year 7 Reflection Day
On Wednesday 25th July Year 7 religion teachers held the annual Reflection Day. They had many fun ideas for us from dancing disco to drawing and creating. We had scavenger hunts and picnics with all of our friends-and there was more than enough for sharing! We had a lot of fun in the day and we were tired but the end of the day so Mrs Parsons kindly got us a great movie to watch to end our day which I’m sure we will never forget. I would like to thank Mrs Day for the wonderful day as it gave us time to think about our topic on Creation. By Holly Malcolm
ONE YEAR OUT CELEBRATION

On Friday the 27th of July 2012 we attend the ‘World Youth Day, One Year Out Celebration’, with Mrs Ross our Youth Ministry Coordinator. Over 500 students and teachers from the Sydney Archdiocese travelled to St Patricks College in Strathfield to participate in the event. Highlights of the day included a welcome from Dr Dan White, the Executive Director of Catholic Schools and guest speaker Sam Clear from Walk4One. Both Speakers inspired and injected enthusiasm for all present. Most of the students in attendance had very little idea of what a pilgrimage is and after hearing Sam Clear’s address they would of felt challenged and motivated to participate in a similar journey. At the conclusion of the event Eucharist was celebrated by Bishop Peter Comensoli who shared his own pilgrimage experiences with the students. We look forward to future events leading up to our pilgrimage in Rio in 2013.

Poppy Aldous and Jennifer Hoe.
YEAR 7 & 8 ART AWARDS

Brigette Roberts has received an ‘excellence in art award’ for the 2012 SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION for her monoprint by write 4 fun.

Brigette Roberts and the following students have also been invited to have their artworks published!

Lana Moody, Eliza Graaf, Katrina Lyras, Sandra Wooden, Natasha Cahill, Emily Conrecode, Sara Downey, Anastasia Kharitchova, Marina Hatzigiannis, Georgia Cooper, Yvonne Banh, Tatyanna Pogonza-Dumas, Lowri Funnell, Lauren Edward, Lilian Glassick.

This was an Australia wide competition and the high standard of our students placed them in the top 5% of the entries for the competition. Their artworks will be published in a new book called “Art Attack”. Letters have been sent to parents asking permission.

Write4 Fun is a donating money raised by the sales of this book to ‘Learning links’ which is a non profit organisation that assists children who have difficulty learning and their families.

I would also like to acknowledge Christina Lucantonio who also participated in the competition.

You can obtain information at www.write4fun.net and www.learninglinks.org.au

We hope to have the artworks returned by the end of August to exhibit in our annual Visual Arts Exhibition.
YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS students were fortunate to visit the “18th Biennale of Sydney”. Ms Brennan asked us all to go in our own time to visit two out of the five locations of the Biennale. On Sunday, my family and I caught the ferry onto Cockatoo Island to visit the exhibition. The island has a display of 50 collaborative and interactive projects as well as artist performances, scattered over the island. Being on the island was an experience within itself, as I had never been there before, let alone viewing and interacting with the many amazing artworks.

The point of going to visit the Biennale was to inspire us for our term 3 art making of Transient artworks. The artwork that I enjoyed the most and inspired me was ‘Domesticate Turf’ by Cal Lane which was a shopping container. This had been welded to create a floral like pattern with a doily pattern created out of red sand. This acts as a carpet leading up to the container.

It is definitely worth visiting before it ends at the end of the term.

BY LAUREN HUNTER

Cal Lane- ‘Sand Lace’ sand carpet
Mock Trial News: Brigidine v Sydney Girls High

On Wednesday 25th July the Brigidine Mock Trial team competed against Sydney Girls High in the latest round in the Mock Trial Competition. The final score was a very close 197 to 188. The case was a most difficult one in which the Brigidine team was required to defend their client against a dangerous driving charge. They were successful in winning the case for their client but not the overall trial.

The team is to be congratulated for their commitment and enthusiasm in presenting the 4 trials they have competed in over the year. It has been difficult for them to prepare their case without a solicitor to assist them with their legal arguments but they succeeded in winning each of the cases they were involved in.

I would like to congratulate our barristers Claire McCarthy, Maua Aluni and Stephanie Gregor and solicitor, Amanda Liem on their dedication over the past year as members of the mock trial team. They have developed their legal skills, expertise and knowledge to such an extent that we are bound to hear more from them in the legal field in the coming years.

Thanks also to our witnesses/court officers: Anna McDonald and Beth Meldrum who proved to be excellent witnesses with some very lengthy witness statements to remember.

Ms Jenny Nicolas
HSIE (Commercial) Coordinator
YEAR 10 CAMP TO CANBERRA

On the 26th of July Year 10 had the unspeakable job of waking up early! Arriving 7am sharp, and waiting in our “two perfect lines” to have our bags checked and to be herded off onto our 5 star coaches. After a couple of hours on the road and heaps of lollies we reached our first destination. Our group had the great pleasure of visiting the National Art Gallery and what most of us took out of it was an appreciation for the extremely abstract art and also how to carry a chair promptly in an art gallery. After the National Art Gallery we went to the Australian Institute of Sport (where we got to watch the junior men’s volleyball team train), then we headed to New Parliament House in search of Julia herself (but to no avail). As if that was not enough action for one day we then visited Black Mountain Tower where we panicked at the heights and took massive group photos in the freezing cold. Finally we reached our cabins but before we could enter our rooms we braced ourselves for the camp food. Alas our food was actually edible and quite scrumptious consisting of chicken, gravy, green beans and mash potato. We even got dessert, ice cream and rubber tasting jelly – Yum! One of the best parts of the experience was that we went ice skating and although some girls were able to skate with ease the rest of the year struggled to even get their boots on.

There were classic falls and tumbles which should have been recorded for funniest home videos especially the beautiful stack by Mrs Dawson. By the end almost every one of us was able to glide across the ice gracefully and no-one wanted to leave the winter wonderland we had come to love. At last we made it to our cabins where we were able to share rooms with our friends. What lay ahead of us was a night full of stories of the day, gossip, truth or dare, lots and lots of junk food, and lots of photos and music and a pint-sized amount of sleep. In the morning our loving teachers made us wake early and walk in the -1 degree weather to breakfast where we were given our schedule for the day.
We started off at Questacon where we were able to “free fall”, live through an earth quake and see live lightning; the most thrilling part of the trip the Questacon was being able to see the live show on balloons. The gentleman presenting the show to us was full of energy running around the room and making us say “balloons are really, really great mate!” He did demonstrations of blowing up balloons, setting balloons on fire, and drowning them in liquid nitrogen then blowing them up from the inside out. Then we headed to the National Portrait Gallery were once again we had an “interesting” tour guide who would get very cross at us for holding our chairs in an “improper manner”. We were able to view portraits of old kings and queens, as well as past to present Australian celebrities which was quite an intriguing experience.

Towards the end our trip we visited the War Memorial, tears were shed, flowers were placed as we remembered the ANZACs and any man and women who risked their lives for our country. We went to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; as we had our moment of silence and we contemplated our Australian history. Sadly our trip was coming to end but the bus ride home provided us with many memories of singing “we are driving, we, we are driving” and eating yet more lollies. We will never forget our Year 10 Canberra experience; we were all expecting a boring trip to Capital City not knowing that we would all leave having gained so much knowledge about our country and having grown closer as a Form. On behalf of the entire Year 10 Form, I would like to thank our parents for allowing us this opportunity, and our teachers for giving up their time and leaving their families to enable us to have such a rewarding trip which we will all remember forever.

By Corrine Lawrence and Sam Murray Year 10
SPORTS NEWS

CGSSSA NETBALL

On Wednesday 25th July three teams represented the College at the CGSSSA Netball Championships at Bicentennial Park, Willoughby. All three teams played exceptionally well on the day, advancing easily to the Quarter Finals, with the Juniors and Inters successful in qualifying for the Semi Finals. Unfortunately both teams were narrowly defeated but they did us proud displaying true Brigidine sportsmanship and fair play!

A big thank you to our umpires, Jacqueline Fiala, Holly Gooch and Beth Meldrum for their assistance on the day.

Well done girls!

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Mrs Karen Atkins & Ms Kathy Mazzeri
PDHPE Department

CGSSSA ATHLETICS

Good luck to our Athletics Squad who are travelling to Homebush on Friday to compete in the CGSSSA Championships.

CGSSSA DANCE

All teams will be holding another Cake Day on Tuesday 14th August at recess and lunch to raise money towards their costumes. Please bring money with you to support the girls.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON TOUCH

It is time to start organising your touch teams for the Eastern Suburbs School Girls Touch Competition. This competition is held after school on Tuesdays at Queens Park Term 4 2012 and Term 1 2013. Girls can organise their own teams and it is open to all students from Year 7-11. Each team must have a Parent manager, who is willing and able to attend each week otherwise you cannot register your team. Time slots for the games are 3.55, 4.35 and 5.15pm. Make sure you listen closely to the daily notices and attend all necessary meetings to register your team.
SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY
The Annual Sports Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 4th September in the Cullen Centre from 11.45-12.45. All parents and relatives are welcome to attend and we would love to see you there.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE SPORT DEPARTMENT
• Sports Awards Tuesday 4th September in Cullen from 11.45-12.45
• CGSSSA DANCE 12 September. Practice has begun. We are entering teams in the Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop and Creative. Girls will be holding cake stalls throughout the term as fundraisers for their costumes so please be supportive.

Mrs Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS
Reading Nook
While the availability of open space is important in a library, a library is much more than flexible space – it is place – and it is the goal of creating evocative, cosy place that has shaped the new zone in the library, pictured below, in the background to the right of the photo. We have put a great deal of time into culling outdated, dilapidated and irrelevant books with the resultant additional space turned into resource displays areas and a reading nook. We will be gradually turning the newly vacated shelving adjoining the nook into a literary genre education site, complete with posters, books, associated objects and pamphlets.
Donations:

Thank you very much to the following people for their generous donations to the library: the Rubio family – your Australian art book is beautiful and of strong relevance to the curriculum. Jo Battley and Christina Day, Brigidine staff members: the girls will love your interesting novels.

Request for donation of the following items

With the aim of supporting the girls’ cultural literacy and enriching their grasp of the curriculum, we plan to develop multidisciplinary exhibitions within the library that will involve both physical and digital objects. We can do this on a smaller level now and on a larger level after the library is refurbished and expanded some time down the track. One of the physical objects that we are keen to acquire is a 1950s and/ or 1960s style television that can be used to loop film footage of relevance to particular eras or to serve as an item of context specific technology. In association with items from the period, such as magazines, lamps and armchairs, particular ‘places’ can be recreated for the purpose of ‘story-telling’ and dramatic recreations of relevance to a range of subjects. For example, our senior Modern History students study the C20 and our senior English students study the role of women in the second half of the C20. Where possible and relevant, we would be interested in recording stories associated with particular items, such as the way the item was valued within the home and specific activities with which it was associated, even if it were the link between an item such as a television and a favourite program.

Items that the BCR Library is keen to acquire:

- Lady’s lamp from the 1920s: this item would be used to evoke the modernist period and is of relevance to English, History, Art and Design and Technology
- Television[s] from the 1950s and 1960s. These TVs don’t have to be in working order: we’d be gutting them and using them as husks for digital footage.
- Chairs, small sofas, lamps and coffee tables from the 40s, 50s and 60s (no later) that are in good condition. In the short term, storage problems would be solved by setting up the bulk of these items in zones throughout the library.
- Military items from any period but certainly from WW1, WW2, the Korean War and the Vietnam War
- Shop window dummies (that include heads) which we can dress appropriately for these scenarios, for literature displays in relation to particular genres e.g. gothic genre or for particular characters from books the girls may be studying.
- Framed 1950s prints of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, scapulars, old rosary beads, a vintage baptismal dress etc

The items above could be used to evoke a sense of place in the context of numerous role plays, for example scenarios involving Australian Church history, the Cold War and gender roles.
Exciting Finds

Our evaluation of every print resource in the library has unearthed both treasures and interesting horrors which will be housed in our Cultural Artefacts Collection. They include the following:

- A 1922 collection of the poetry of Wilfred Owen (iconic WW1 poet) with an exquisite reproduction of a pencil drawing of his young, sensitive face. This book is of great value to both the History and English departments.
- Books spanning the 50s, 60s and 70s that capture the dominant culture’s attitude to Indigenous people, in particular Australian Aboriginal people, in those eras in Australia.
- Books capturing the Cold War anxiety of the 1980s, including one book that seriously advises people about how to survive a nuclear explosion. (I do remember experiencing the 80s anxiety but I’m afraid I missed out on the survivors’ instruction kit).
- A 1902 copy of Henry Kendall’s poetry with a touching dedication to a nun who joined the Australian Brigidine Sisters here, in Australia, at the end of the C19. Watch this spot for a feature on this sister at a later date.

Mrs Trish Kennedy
Teacher Librarian

ASSISTIVE AND INCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION LINE
TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 3.30PM -7.00PM
PHONE: (02) 9569 9155

A new support service operated by allied health professionals and specialist teachers for parents, teachers and students in Sydney Catholic schools. The Assistive and Inclusive Technology Infoline provides:

- specialist support and information about adaptive, assistive and inclusive technologies for students with diverse learning needs, particularly those students with disabilities and learning difficulties
- advisory support and information that is grounded in research and best practice and supported by individuals who use technology
- advisory support and information which aims to enhance the educational outcomes for students with diverse learning needs through the use and implementation of assistive and inclusive technologies

Please note:
This service operates during school terms on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and between the hours of 3.30pm-7.00pm only.
Service operates as part of the Vanier Inclusive Technology Program.
TREE DAY 2012
Friday 3rd August dawned bright, clear and sunny. A perfect day to get out into our native garden to continue our Bush Haven project. Sixteen girls from Yrs 9 & 10 were well prepared to get down and dirty, carrying out 6 main tasks:

- Installing an extended irrigation system, connected to our rainwater tanks;
- Laying some paving blocks to give easier access to parts of the garden;
- Pruning back some of the more exuberant growth and putting it through a shredder;
- Removing invasive weeds;
- Planting a few more groundcovers, shrubs and trees in some of the more sparsely vegetated areas;
- Spreading loads of mulch, to reduce weed growth and retain soil moisture.

One of the highlights of the day was a visit by the mayor of Randwick City Council, Mr Scott Nash. He was quite impressed by the results that our garden group has achieved in restoring a small area of the local ecosystem to our college grounds.

The girls worked really hard, and we very co-operative for the whole day. We were all very proud of what we were able to achieve. Thanks to you all. Thank you also to those who also volunteered, but were unable to participate on the day. We actually had more volunteers than we could handle. Those girls who did miss out will have the opportunity to help out later in the year. And, of course, we also do garden maintenance every Friday at lunchtime, so there is the opportunity to help out then, also.

We acknowledge the continuing support of Randwick Council Community Nursery which has provided us with advice, plants and mulch, since the start of this project in 2006.

Mr Z Milanov & Mr K Burg
SOCIAL JUSTICE UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 26 August: Refugee and Migrant Sunday
- 21 September: International Day of Peace

Jordann Crawford-Ash
Social Justice Captain

RANDWICK CITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE WILL BE HOSTING SOME EVENTS FOR TEENS DURING AUGUST.

After school - what's next?
Free!
Wednesday 29 August 2012 6:30pm - 8.00pm
Parents of and students aged 15 - 18 years Bowen Library 9314 4888
Not sure if university is for you? Want to find out what other career and education options are available?
Hear from industry professionals from a variety of fields — such as logistics, defence, music and trades — and see if any might be right for you.
There will be time to have your questions answered. Parents and students aged 15-18 are welcome to attend this free event.

If you require any further information regarding these events go to http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/A_sense_of_community/Library/Teen_space/index.aspx
contact Sam Sheppeard-Boros, Youth Officer, Library Services Randwick City Council 02 9314 4888

Connecting U: The Newsletter of the Council of Catholic Schools Parents and your diocese.

Parent2Parent Newsletter for Term 3 2012

The Science Experience
An Invitation in 2012 to all Yr 9 and Yr 10 students