

2021 Top Designs

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Congratulations to Emily Shaw whose VET Creative and Digital Media animation was included in the 2021 Top Designs exhibition. The work was on display at the Melbourne Museum with 91 other successful applicants.



Emily's animation is a mock fashion advertisement for *Blaidd*, a fictional brand of streetwear. This year's Top Designs is unique as it reflects the extraordinary circumstances of students who completed their VCE in 2020.



NCAT Music students, Monique and Bianca Hirschfeld, who excelled in the VCAA Top Acts, were commissioned to provide musical entertainment for the event.

Marcus Newman - PHOTO IMAGING TRAINER / VET CREATIVE AND DIGITAL MEDIA TRAINER

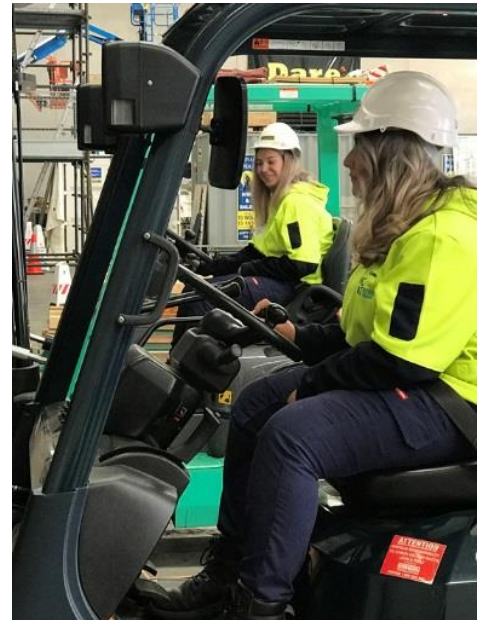
Building Futures - Women in Construction

On Thursday 6th May, the CFMEU held a careers day highlighting women working in the Construction Industry. Two of our female Technology students attended this event; Tamika who is studying Carpentry and Carina in Electrotechnology.

The 'Building Futures' campaign is designed to encourage young women, parents and Careers Advisors to consider careers in the Construction Industry, and promote the change of attitudes regarding women within the Industry.

During the day Tamika and Carina not only had the opportunity to see some of the various jobs that Commercial Construction can offer, they also had the opportunity to speak to some female apprentices for advice and encouragement.

Jenny Rose - FURNITURE MAKING TEACHER



Carina Gauci - PAE



Tamika Brownfield - PA2

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 9 th June	GAT EXAM POSTPONED - NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
Friday 11 th June	End Semester 1
Monday 14 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - students do not attend
Tuesday 15 th June	Start of Semester 2
Friday 25 th June	Term 2 ends
Monday 12 th July	Term 3 begins
Friday 23 rd July	WHAT IF Music performance - Scout Productions, 7.00pm
Saturday 24 th July	WHAT IF Music performance - Scout Productions, 2.00pm
Tuesday 10 th August	Information Evening - for prospective 2022 enrolments
Wednesday 11 th August	VET PD Day - students do not attend
Thursday 19 th August	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - students to attend conferences only (no classes)
Tuesday 24 th August	Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisations
Friday 17 th September	Term 3 ends

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 Ends

This has been an incredibly busy and challenging term for students, teachers and parents/carers. The term started well, with students focused, and more settled. We organised for the school formal to be early in the year to avoid COVID lockdowns and, thank goodness, it was able to go ahead as planned. It was attended by almost half the Year 10-12 student cohort and was a great night. Students and staff got up to dance and had fun. The formal is always one of the year's highlight and having it earlier brought students together more. The Year 12 Theatre Studies students were able to perform their play, "Tracks", to a live audience which added to the excitement for students and audience alike.

Information Evening on 18th May

The event was a great success. It was well attended with the auditorium full. Our student leaders and helpers were absolutely outstanding and great ambassadors for the college.



In a couple of areas, where teachers were unable to attend, the students took charge, informing tour groups about the programs. Our student speakers: Grace Davidson from 10 Arts, Mitchell Seath from Pre-App and Josh Guest from VCE were superb. I had several parents comment to me that they actually got tears in their eyes listening to them. They and parent, Andrew Butler, whose son Jack, is in Year 12, spoke with passion and from the heart about NCAT and its staff. Thank you to everyone involved for your terrific contribution to making the evening such a great success.

COVID hits - again

Unfortunately, students and staff had to pivot back to remote learning which works well for some students and not so well for others. We were delighted to have Year 11 and 12 back after one week and all students back after two weeks. The new restrictions meant that we were required to cancel Year 10 work experience and postpone Preapp and VCAL work placements. At this stage we will reschedule the Structured Work Placements to October as these count as one unit and form part of a students' VCAL credits. Excursions and incursions were deferred to next term including the VET Taster day for external students when hundreds of students from other schools come to try our VET programs. This will now run on the 16 July.

Music Performances Streamed

Because of COVID restrictions many of the Music performances planned for the end of Term will now be recorded and streamed.

Attendance and Explanations for Absences

Regular attendance is critical for success. NCAT and DET expect students' attendance to be 90% at minimum and all absences to be accounted for on the day of absence.

Please check your student's attendance levels on Compass and **explain any absences.** If you believe your student was in class or has a timetable error, please contact the office - in this case, do not enter an explanation as this will affect the attendance record.

If you have problems accessing Compass or entering explanations for absences please call the Office on 9478 1333 or email ncat@edumail.vic.gov.au I can't emphasise enough how important regular attendance is to successful completion of a program, especially at NCAT where many programs require practical completion of tasks in front of the teacher to demonstrate competency.

Semester reports

Semester reports will be published at the end of the second week back next term. Students have been supported to complete their work in these last few weeks back. Whilst reports will have been completed, there is a redemption period at the beginning of next term. If students are behind with their work they have the holidays to catch up and make sure all work is submitted by the end of week 2 at the latest.

I do hope everyone has a refreshing break.

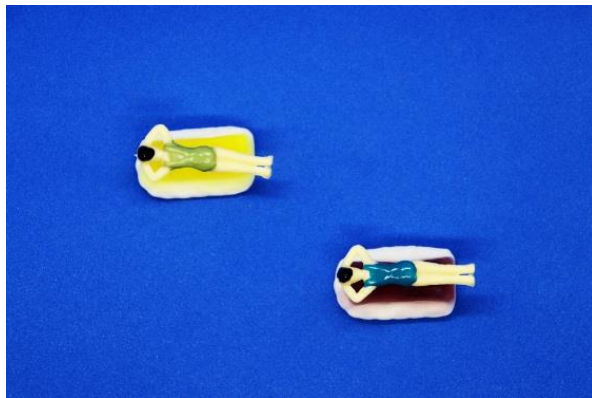
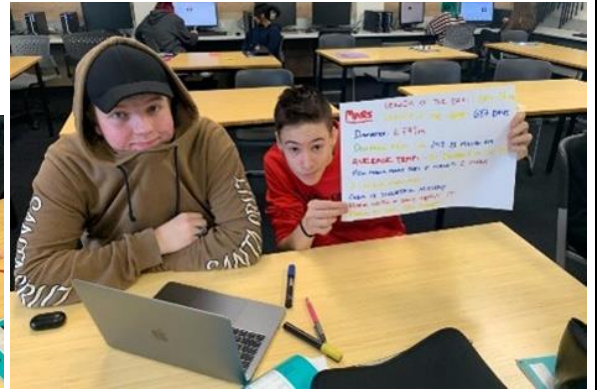
Raffaella Galati-Brown
PRINCIPAL

Year 10 Science

Year 10 Science students have been studying a chapter called 'The Universe'. As a follow up to their studies they then conducted a student driven lesson where they created a poster for each planet and presented them to the class.



Angie You
YEAR 10 MATHS TEACHER



Year 10 Photography

10B had a great lesson in Photography learning how to stage objects in photo lightboxes. Each student used an individual lightbox, lots of sweets, mini figurines and a digital camera to create their very own mini world illusions. It was a fun way to end a Friday afternoon.

Photographs by: Christian Gallo, Dante Fry, Maria Zemite and Ali Lacey.

Marina Lamari - PHOTOGRAPHY TEACHER





Creative Workers in Schools Program for Year 10s



As part of the Creative Worker in Schools Program, students have been working alongside industry professionals to create a short film or musical performance. **Biffy James**, who has led this program at NCAT, is a writer, casting agent and producer who has worked all around the world.



In their assigned groups, students have worked collaboratively to complete Pre-Production documentation such as storyboarding, location/shot lists and script writing.



Classes have been dedicated to Special Effect Workshops, using the Green Screen, Acting & Directing scenes and much more. This has resulted in lots of fake blood, meat being brought in for body parts and students taking on a range of roles thanks to the power of makeup designs.



For the past couple of weeks, we have also had director Alex Konas work with the groups to help them develop their cinematographer's eye.



We are excited to see the students continue to work together and to view their final products.



Natalie Gates - THEATRE STUDIES PROGRAM LEADER & YEAR 10 ARTS COORDINATOR / Natasha Stamos - VET SCREEN & MEDIA

Senior School Formal

The senior school formal held on 4th May, was a huge success with 170 of our staff and students celebrating the night away. After a year of having no events it was great to see the students come together to celebrate. The MCs for the night, Lucinda Gray and Jaden Lal, did a wonderful job and we thank them for their efforts in counting all those votes. The evening was captured by our roaming photographers and the photo booth.



I would like to thank all the staff who attended and assisted in making the evening run so smoothly.

Alex Tsenalidis - VCAL COORDINATOR / FORMAL ORGANISER





Year 12 Theatre Studies Excursion



On Thursday 20th of April, Year 12 Theatre students attended the immersive theatre production *Because the Night* at Malthouse Theatre. For many of our students, it was their first live performance in 2 years, and it was a total ADVENTURE!

The performance began with each audience member donning a black cape and rabbit mask and instructed to explore every room, walk wherever they wanted, whenever they wanted as there was no correct way to experience this show.



Adapted from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *Because the Night* evoked a new level of what it is to be an audience member or as our students described 'silent witnesses in the halls of powers shifting through history and all its secrets.' Students were left wanting more, having missed fragments of the play as they were lost in the world of Elsinore.



Natalie Gates / THEATRE STUDIES PROGRAM LEADER

Year 12 Theatre Studies Performance *Tracks*



On Monday 10th May, Year 12 Theatre Studies students showcased their work to friends and family in a performance of *Tracks*.

The performance is a key component of their Unit 3 studies. The outcome challenges students to plan, develop and present a creative and imaginative interpretation of a play to an audience having specialised in two production roles. Over eight weeks of class time was dedicated to this outcome and students also committed to holiday, lunchtime and after school rehearsals.

The final performance was over in a flash. It was momentous to have a live audience sharing in the efforts of our young people.

Well done Year 12's! Best of luck for the remainder of your academic year.

Natalie Gates
Theatre Studies Program Leader

Natasha Stamos
VCE MEDIA/VET SCREEN & MEDIA



Photography by Kody Lane & Ali Lacey



School Based Apprenticeships

Year 10 NCAT student **Hunter Short** has commenced a Headstart apprenticeship and is enrolled in Certificate III in Carpentry.

Hunter has been working with the company for some time, during the holidays. Due to his commitment and great work ethic the employer has decided to reward his efforts by signing him up as an apprentice.

Hunter will stay enrolled at NCAT while he works part-time in his apprenticeship (called a School Based Apprenticeship).

The Headstart team and NCAT wish Hunter all the very best and look forward to updates on his progress both at school and at work. Congratulations Hunter!



Lachlan Hoo is a Year 11 student here at NCAT studying Certificate II in Building & Construction.

Lachlan did some Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) with an employer who was so impressed with Lachlan that he offered him an apprenticeship.

At the end of Year 12 Lachlan will have his licence, a Year 12 pass and continue with his apprenticeship doing a Certificate III in Carpentry at TAFE.

The employer and his team were so impressed with Lachlan (aka 'Lockstar') they now miss him when he's not around. Congratulations Lachlan for putting in the time and effort to gain an apprenticeship, great effort!

Brigitte Reinbold
HEAD START CLUSTER COORDINATOR
NORTH EASTERN MELBOURNE AREA

Clown Music Debut Performance

DATE: THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2021 / VENUE: BACKYARD JAM SPACE / GENRE: PERFORMANCE ART/ MUSIC

Looking for something to fill those boring Thursday lunchtimes? Want to be surprised, puzzled, amused or amazed?

Then check out the Clown Music Collective!

Photography by Marcus Newman



Comprising of core members, David, Dean, Ash, Carson, Bailey and guest dancer, Trix, as well as an entourage of enablers and assistants, *Clown Music* draws on the performance art of fifties/sixties movements such as *fluxus*. Incorporating dance, music, art and theatre, it is difficult to define *Clown Music* - but if you don't laugh or become involved with some of the act, then like Woodstock, you weren't there!

Passing percussion instruments to the audience, the crowd was invited to perform with the band for a haunting musical tribute to Lois Griffin from *'Family Guy'*. This was so popular that the audience demanded an encore! *Clown Music* will perform again, so watch out for posters advertising future gigs at NCAT.

Kate Dermody - LEADER & ORGANISER OF FUN

WHAT IF...?

SCOUT PRODUCTIONS



FRIDAY 23RD JULY - 7:00PM
SATURDAY 24TH JULY - 2:00PM

\$10 FOR ADULT

\$7 CONCESSION

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\$25 FOR GROUP OF 4 TICKETS

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