



BALCOMBE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM GOES COUNTRY AND WESTERN!

Last Thursday, Year 6 performed A Midsummer Night's Dream and it was such an amazing way to finish our primary career! The play was cowboy themed with country and western music. We had a yee-ha of a time! Singing and dancing to country classics such as Rawhide, Crazy and My Queen (Jolene). It was an amazing journey learning lines, getting into character, singing solos, and most of all, being with our friends. Some of the costumes were just crazy. Ollie looked great dressed as a woman and Ebony could not have been a better Dolly Parton! We just can't thank the teachers enough for what they have done.

Liam and Aaron, Year 6



### TRANSITIONING TO 2018

For the last few weeks students in Years 9 to 12 have been undertaking exams to evaluate their learning.

For Year 12s completing their final exams, these are high-stakes events, with the results contributing significantly to their final ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking) and to tertiary pathways. We wish them well with their results.

Year 10 and 11 exams are internally set and assessed. These exams help teachers assess student learning and provide students with an opportunity to reflect on their progress and develop their exam skills.

Year 9 students experienced their first exams, in English, Mathematics, Language and reflecting on the Year 9 Program. Although these students have experienced classroom tests and NAPLAN testing before, this is the first time that they have had the opportunity to prepare for a task that requires study, and the revision of a whole year of work.

Subsequent to the exams, Balcombe students begin 'Transition', a fortnight where students commence their 2018 program, commencing new subjects and meeting new teachers and classmates.

Transition is an important and positive way to end the year. The intention is that students leave for the holidays with a well developed understanding of their courses and what's required over the summer and in their studies next year.

Warrick Wynne  
Deputy Principal  
Head of Secondary



### YEAR 4 PORTSEA CAMP

Prior to camp, Year 4 students were engaged in preparations for their end-of-year camp, researching the first official European settlement in Victoria at Sullivan's Bay, Sorrento. During our first morning a guided walk at Portsea back beach deepened students understanding of the Bunerong people's connection to and use of the land. The camp itself centred on group initiative with activities like raft building, fishing and ropes course to challenge students. Students were treated to the pinnacle activity, The Giant Swing, during an amazing sunset over the bay. Before returning to school, a boat ride off Sorrento to see other historical sites was the final thrilling adventure to cap off what was a memorable camp.



### BALCOMBE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS OUR 2017 ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION 'CELEBRATING CREATIVITY'

Opening evening to be held on Monday 4 December from 2:30pm to 5:00pm in the School Hall  
The exhibition will be open daily from Monday 4 to Friday 8 December from 9:00am to 4:00pm

CYCLE ONE	1	CYCLE TWO	2
<b>Monday 4 December</b> Art Exhibition		<b>Monday 11 December</b> End of Year 6 Celebration	
<b>Thursday 7 December</b> Celebration Evening		<b>Tuesday 12 December</b> Balcombe Annual Golf Day End of Term 4	
<b>Friday 8 December</b> F-2 Christmas Play End of Transition		<b>Wednesday 13 December</b> Staff Day	
		<b>Thursday 14 December</b> Staff Day	
		<b>Friday 15 December</b> Staff Day	

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