

THE STUDENT VOICE

Hello students, parents and teachers and welcome to Volume 1 of the Student Voice[®]. The Student Voice is edited by **Bailey Smith** on behalf the Student Leadership Team to inform you about trending topics within CESC and the important work of the Student Voice Team. We hope you enjoy reading the first issue of this (hopefully) long running Student Voice[®] column.

Grip Conference and Leadership

The Student Voice Team recently attended the Grip Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. This was a grand experience for all those present as it showcased how we could become better leaders for, and of, the school. The Conference included sessions on issues such as anti-bullying, how to improve our speeches and develop better project management skills, as well as ways to make our events more dynamic. The whole event was very educational and an enjoyable experience. With this newly obtained information, we, the student representatives, have already started work on our Pinnacle Project, the large scale project we hope will make an impact on the school, to be announced here at a later date!

The 18 School Captains have dedicated ourselves to improving our school by taking up these student leadership positions but with great power comes great responsibility. As leaders, it is our role to work with others to develop their leadership skills. As a result, we recently held our Home Group Representative elections and it is our honour to announce those appointed to the roles below.

CESC Student Leadership Team 2016

Home Group representatives have been appointed across the six year levels. HG reps are important links between the students in individual home groups and the Year Level Captains, the Year Level Teacher Leaders and the school community. The role involves, but is not limited to, the following:

- Being excellent role models for the class, the year level and the school
- Working with the Year Level Captains on relevant projects
- Seeking feedback from peers to provide to relevant staff
- Speaking at year level assemblies
- Organising year level assemblies with the year level captains
- Speaking to their home groups regarding initiatives/issues
- Reading out the daily bulletin
- Maintaining notice boards for the year level
- Preparing items for the newsletter about the year level
- Working with the Drama/Sports/Music/Diversity Captains on relevant projects.



Newly-elected Year 7 Team

HG reps are expected to have perfect uniform and very good behaviour and are required to sign a Code of Conduct as part of their role.



DRAMA



Drama Captain, **Jack Symonds**, reports here. Prepare your mime make-up and put on your performance blacks, here is the Drama News. There have been many exciting events recently in the Drama area, including preparation for the annual production, VCE Drama and Theatre Studies excursions, and the recent Commedia Dell'Arte incursion.

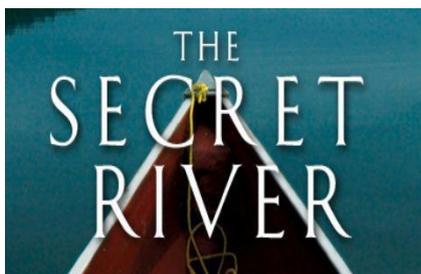
The production was announced recently and Grease is the word! Auditions have taken place to select the cast and the cast list will be released soon. This will involve some very tough decisions because over 110 students with lots of talent auditioned. The production will be held between **August 31st and September 2nd**. Ticket sales will be announced later in the year.

In VCE Drama, students will attend two performances in the city, one named "Blind" at Theatreworks in St Kilda, about a man who became temporarily blind and how he experienced the world around him, and the second called "Top Class" presented by the VCAA at the Arts Centre Melbourne, where the best of the best of Year 12 solo performances are shown. This teaches upcoming thespians how to correctly use dramatic elements, conventions and expressive skills to create an effective performance.

In VCE Theatre Studies, students will see the ground-breaking Australian play "Secret River" at the Arts Centre in Melbourne on Close the Gap Day. The play is about the Indigenous people, white settlers and the events that went down at Hawkesbury River. The play reminds the audience that there are still many issues that we need to address. Students in Theatre Studies will also get the opportunity to see "Top Class".

Year 9 students in Drama have recently seen a fantastic performance by "Make a Scene". They come to CESC every year and never fail to bring something new and more entertaining. The performance was a style called "Commedia Dell'Arte", an Italian style using base characters in various situations.

Still to come: Years 7-10 lunchtime and afterschool showcases of student work! This will create opportunities for the younger thespians to show their work to the world.





Music



Liam Edwards, Music Captain presents this report on the hottest hits making the rounds at CESC. Get your headphones and electric guitars ready, here is the Music News. The Student Leadership Team, with the support of the Music Coordinator Miss Hawking, are currently working to increase our students' interest in music and create greater opportunities for students to get involved in the art form. We have made progress, as we currently have the Instrumental Music lessons available for those interested, are organising a music concert/club and have a school band who will be playing live music for the school production. The Music Leaders are also seeking to motivate more students over the coming year to participate and be involved in music.

Instrumental Music Lessons

Students have a range of instruments available for them to learn at CESC. Guitar and Drums are on Mondays, taught by Mr Sheers; Piano and Voice are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, taught by Ms Salter. Even though these lessons are not compulsory, we suggest students participate in these extra curricula activities as they are a great opportunity to learn something new that could be beneficial in a student's future. If you are interested, see Miss Hawking for more details or see the lesson teachers previously mentioned.

The Music Concert/Club

This year students will have various opportunities to work on their performance/musical skills through a Music Club. Students from Years 8 and 9, as part of the Arts/Music subject and students in Year 10, as a part of the Music elective, have the opportunity to cooperate and perform together in a band or perform individually numerous times in front of the school to show their abilities and talents through this club. More details are available from Miss Hawking in the orange building.

Band for the Production

The Production this year is *Grease* and both actors and musicians are required! Students interested in being a part of the Production Band are asked to see Mr Hobson in the Year 7 office in the green building.

Motivating CESC students

Many would agree there are not enough students eager to learn the Music subject or instruments. We have observed and acknowledged that this is often due to people giving up from feeling daunted by the high amount of hard work required to improve their skills with an instrument, the struggle to find spare time to practice because of other priorities and, to put it bluntly, students not having a particular interest in music. This lack of interest signals a change is needed and we want to lead by example in making music events available to all students to get involved, hoping they will connect with, and build on relationships, with fellow students. We hope to make them feel more comfortable, while acting as positive role models for our school. We recognise and acknowledge those who have participated in musical activities and who have shown great skill and confidence in doing so and wish to encourage others to join in. We want to promote Music at CESC!