Discussion of transition in secondary schools most often centres on its major entry and exit points, graduating from Year 6 to Year 7, and from the final year of secondary school to the world of tertiary study or work. These transitions present major change for both students and parents. It is important to remember that between these year 6 entry and year 12 exit points, there exists a number of equally important transitions. The progression students make from one year level to the next is a substantial step in marking their passage through secondary school and their growth from child to adult. To assist these transitions, the level coordinator and student well-being team invest substantial time and planning to ensure that the specific needs of students at each stage of schooling are met. In this College News, a student from each year level describes what it has meant to them personally to make these transitions between each year level. They also consider the differences that distinguish their new year level from the one they were in last year. I am sure you will enjoy reading our students' reflections.

On behalf of the School Community, I would like to offer our special congratulations to Joshua Chang. Joshua, the 2009 College Dux, who has been shortlisted for Top Acts will be performing at the Melbourne Recital Centre at Southbank. Congratulations also to Doan Nguyen of Year 12 who was invited to audition for Top Dance, and is awaiting the result. Being selected to audition is a great honour for any student, but is an especially impressive achievement given Doan did not learn dancing before Year 7 at Brunswick Secondary College.

Transitions

From Primary School to Year 7

When I was in grade 6 at Brunswick East Primary School it was fun, as in Grade 6 we had some different opportunities to the other grades because we were the graduating class. When it was time to come to Year 7 I was excited but a bit nervous. Secondary school is really different from Primary School especially having such a different timetable and moving classes for specialist subjects. However, I am starting to get used to it and feel really positive about the year ahead. So far I really like Science because of the experiments. I also like Art, especially drawing. At Brunswick SC, I've met lots of new students and my teachers are friendly and helpful.

Dana Castelo, Year 7

From Year 7 to Year 8

Last year when I went into year 7 it was a little scary at the start. I didn't know the school that well and it seemed like everyone was bigger than I was. However, after about five weeks I got used to the bigger environment and enjoyed Year 7 a lot and liked everything about it. Coming into Year 8 this year, I feel more responsible and grown up. Some of the things I am looking forward to in Year 8 are the new electives. I am in Art and Forensics in Semester 1. Forensics was really interesting because I liked the way our teacher explained some of the ways that murders are solved. Year 8 is in a way better
than Year 7 because I am actually taller than a lot more people now and I am excited to be in Year 8 because I am in a new class and I am looking forward to it.

**Thomas Clarke, Year 8**

**From Year 8 to Year 9**

I enjoyed the electives in year 8, my teachers and, now that I think about it, all my subjects. I especially liked SOSE, it was fun. Medieval Day was fun, educational and exciting. Our Medieval feast was also very delicious, especially the food Kimberley Crowley, our teacher, made. Sport was also cool because we mixed with different classes once a fortnight. In year 9 I am looking forward to Bushwhacked, the camp and the excursions for the Special Projects in Term 3. Our project, Mission to Mars, will be good because I really like science and space. I think the biggest difference between year 8 and 9 will be the Special Projects and the new electives. It will also be interesting to get to know different teachers and classmates.

**Josh Holt, Year 9**

**From Year 9 to Year 10**

I enjoyed City Life and bushwhacked the best in year 9. I liked it how we got to be independent within our own groups. We got to choose our own research topics; we chose sporting venues. We got to interview people which I like because I’m a good talker! I am most looking forward to Work Experience this year. It will give me an opportunity to learn about what it takes to work a full week and what it will be like when we leave school. I’m also looking forward to finishing a little earlier this year. I think the biggest difference between year 9 and 10 will be exams. I’m not looking forward to them, but I have to learn how to do them. If I don’t learn, I’m not going to get anywhere.

**Dominic Dean-Spagnolo, Year 10**

**From Year 10 to Year 11**

I most enjoyed Work Experience last year. It was nice not to follow a timetable, and you could be more independent. You were forced to use your own initiative in situations that were completely different to school. I liked how we got a chance to choose the assessment task topics we worked on, for instance with the National History Challenge in Humanities. I would have to say I am looking forward to doing subjects that I want to do, like Literature and Music. I am really interested in these subjects. I really want to do well in them because I have a real interest in them. Having private study is pretty good too! I think the biggest difference from last year to this year will be Private study because you have all the teachers and resources there for you, and it’s an environment where you have to work. At home, you can get easily distracted because there are so many other things you could be doing.

**Maize Wallin, Year 11**

**From Year 11 to Year 12**

It turned out that year 11 was not as hard as I expected it to be. I worried that it was going to be stressful but private study provided a lot of help in getting work done. It feels a bit daunting coming into year 12. It was easy to choose my subjects. I am doing English, Further Mathematics, Psychology, Physical Education and Health, all subjects I am really interested in and enjoy. Being in year 12 feels a little weird because we no longer have anyone older than us and when I look at the younger students, it makes me remember how intriguing it was looking up at the big kids. So far I have enjoyed year 12 and will continue to do so throughout the year. However, I will also be happy when it is the end of the year and I have worked my best to achieve what I want to achieve.

**Amy Mulder, Year 12**

**International Student**

In year 11, I enjoyed the subjects. I enjoyed Maths and basketball with my friends, especially friends from other countries like I am. This year I am looking forward to getting the best out of myself because it is my last year at school. I’m looking forward to making even more friends in wider circles. I think the biggest difference will be the pressure as it is much higher in Year 12 because everything you do counts towards your ENTER score. At the same time, you want to be with your friends because it is your last year, so you have to enjoy it as well.

**Taemine Song, Year 12**
The following photos, taken by Gordon Davies in Year 7, show some of our Year 7 students settling into Brunswick Secondary College in their first week of school.

In 7N, Jack and Adrina learn about the safety procedures that need to be followed when they are working in a science lab.

**BSC Rock Bus**

In December last year, a group of incredibly talented and committed music students spent the day performing rock concerts for local primary schools. Each session was well-received, with captivated and energetic crowds spending most of the time on their feet dancing and singing along. Our students, led by Music Captain Jessica Trevena, were a very professional unit, eagerly helping each other set up, rehearse, perform and dismantle for the next show. Even when some students were not required for a particular set, they were off dancing in the crowd – making many fans.

Some of these students also gladly gave up a day of their holidays in order to participate in these rock concerts. Considerable thanks must go to the music teachers who made all of this possible, Suzanne Kurick and Wayne Simmons. The professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm our students displayed were a credit to all. Many thanks also to Warren Evert who, as our ‘Roadie’, drove our bus and trailer around the entire day.

In Hayley’s 7S maths class, students are learning about indices.

In 7W, Parissah, Rita and Andrea learn ways to make division less confusing. They learn the different steps they can take when working on division.

**The Girls Band performing with enthusiastic students at Brunswick South West Primary School**

Kimberley Crowley, Student Leadership & Enrichment Coordinator
Rocka 2010!!!

We began the year pumped for our 2010 Rock Eisteddfod entry. Last Thursday 80 students rocked up to rehearsal, with extra enthusiasm from having a year off from the Premier division last year. We had our theme and team ready for an awesome year – all we needed was the performance.

Unfortunately on Tuesday morning, it was announced that due to lack of funding, our dream may not happen. The state and federal governments have said they are no longer to support Rock Eisteddfod. There is also as yet no corporate sponsor for 2010. Unless funding can be found, this will be the first time in over 25 years that the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge has been cancelled.

We are all devastated!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are desperately hoping that this situation will change in the next few weeks and that funding will be found. If not, we will look to put on an alternative as we are determined to keep such a great team of hard working students together.

We will keep students and you informed. For now, fingers crossed.

Katherine Weatherhead, Rock Eisteddfod Coordinator

BSC Italian Study Tour 2010

An information night for the Italian Study Tour planned in Term 4 this year will be held here at school on Thursday February 25th at 6.00PM. Please direct all enquiries to Pina Mazzeo on 9387 6133 or email - mazzeo.pina.r@edumail.vic.gov.au. The tour is open to students in all year levels.

Farewell Phedra

I attended BSC as a student from 2003 to 2008. After attaining my VCE Certificate I decided to defer from a Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics, at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, for a year and take up the position of Secondary Teacher Assistant at the school. I’ve been working in this role for the past 12 months. It has been an interesting and enjoyable experience and I feel fortunate I’ve had the opportunity to see the school as a student and as a member of staff from two different perspectives.

The STA role has included working with teachers and students in a variety of roles including clean up, collating reports, booking excursions, fund raisers, sausage sizzles and that’s just to name a few. I will really miss being at BSC. It’s been a wonderful experience growing up in an environment that has been nurturing and supportive but it is time to move on and further my education.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the school for offering me the position and I wish everybody well for the future. I am looking forward to visiting the school on my return from Wagga Wagga.

Phedra Chow

We will all miss Phedra and her ever-smiling efficiency. We thank her greatly for the positive differences she has made to our school over the past year.

Vivienne Tellefson, Principal

MUSIC NEWS

Singing Group

The Singing Group is open to all students in the College. Come along and have fun whilst singing pop and contemporary songs – everyone welcome. 3.20pm Tuesdays after school in the Music Room.

Music Events - Term 1

Some dates to note in your diary!

Sunday 28th February - Brunswick Music Festival at 12 noon when our Greek Band and Percussion Ensemble take to the stage in Sydney Road.

Wednesday 24th March - Greek Cultural Evening at Brunswick SC - presenting Andreas Litras' performance of 'Odyssey' and our very own Greek Band. Food will also be provided. More details to come!

Saturday 27th March - Antipodes Festival - Greek Band performance in the city.

Suzanne Kurick, Music Coordinator

Pastoral Teacher Changes

At the end of this newsletter there is an updated attachment of the pastoral teachers 2010. There have been a few amendments to the list published in last week’s College News.

Acceptable Use policy

Attached is the College’s acceptable use policy for ICT. This week all students will receive a green notice that requires two parent signatures. The first is recognition that parents and students have read and understood the acceptable use of electronic equipment policy. It was attached to the first College News, and has also been included in this College News. The second signature relates to use of school photographs in newsletters and other school publications. There is also a space where we ask you to update your email address, or provide one if you have not done so. Emailing the newsletter is more immediate, cost
effective and environmentally responsible. Prompt return of the green slips will ensure that students have access to computers and that we can contact you via email. Especially now that it is weekly, it is important that we print as few copies as possible. We will print copies for families who do not have access to the internet.

Year 7 Camp

There are now 6 places left for year 7 Camp. There have been more places made available so be quick to secure your child a spot.

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Student Medical Conditions

Could parents of students who have anaphylaxis or other serious medical conditions please hand in a completed action plan for your child to the front office. The school nurse, Jeremy Fiske, will in the next fortnight, be contacting parents of children who have anaphylaxis or other serious medical conditions. If your child has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, please contact the level coordinator or Jeremy.

BSC Office hours are between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Phone calls and office enquiries outside these hours will be recorded by the answering machine.
NB: If you are contacting the school to let us know your child is going to be absent, you can also e-mail the school on Brunswick.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
The following information has been written to help parents, particularly those of you who are new to Brunswick SC, communicate your concerns, questions, ideas or other information to the school. If you have a child at secondary school for the first time, you will notice that there are many more staff closely involved with your child than there were at primary school. This sheet lists Year Level Coordinators, pastoral teachers and other important staff for parents to know. Please keep it to refer to in the future.

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7C  Ms Margaret Mouratidis  9W  Mr Bhekani Sibanda
7K  Mr Liam O’Grady  10B  Ms Helen Wills
7N  Ms Anna Madden  10K  Ms Julie Bevan
7R  Ms Noni Simitzis  10N  Ms Firuze Hosseini
7S  Ms Marilyn Hardy  10R  Mr Natalie Wood
7U  Mr Jack Torosidis  10S  Mr Fillip Spiller
7W  Ms Karlee Baker  10U  Ms Anurdha Tandon
8B  Ms Stephanie Canale  10W  Ms Angela Dallas
8C  Mr Brent Pawley  11C  Mr Peter Runting
8K  Mr Cameron Hall  11N  Ms Noorhana Abdullah
8N  Ms Fiona Smith  11R  Ms Suzanne Kurick
8S  Ms Georgina Tangey  11S  Mr Ji Wei Xu
8U  Ms Pina Mazzeo  11U  Ms Catherine Houston
8W  Mr Benjamin Sheppard  12B  Ms Pam Duncan
9B  Ms Sally Goss  12N  Ms Cathy Cowcher
9C  Ms Mieke Apted  12R  Ms Alison Sanza
9N  Ms Tracey West  12S  Ms Lorraine Lockhart
9R  Ms Clare Kavangh  12U  Ms Pauline Pearson
9S  Mr Lee Crossley  BTU  Robert Blosfelds

**Student Well Being**

Student Services & Support  Michael Bartley  8673 6719
Student Welfare Counsellor  Katie Archibald  8673 6706
Careers Counsellor  Catherine Jones  8673 6703

**Enrolment Coordinators**

Year 7 & SEALP  Marilyn Hardy  8673 6796
Year 8-12  Michael Bartley  8673 6719
International Students  Lauren Flannery  8673 6718

**Curriculum and Enrichment**

Curriculum Coordinator  Alison Sanza
Literacy  Nadia Cavalin
Numeracy  Fred Stringer
Music  Suzanne Kurick
Performance

Extension and Enrichment  Kimberly Crowley
Debating  Kanela Giannakakis
Sport  Brent Pawley
SRC

**Principals**

Principal  Vivienne Tellefson  8673 6713
Assistant Principal Year 7-9 /Curriculum  Heather Secomb  8673 6739
Assistant Principal Yrs 10-12  Graeme McKinnon  8673 6717
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR
INFORMATION,
COMMUNICATIONS AND
TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SYSTEMS

Conditions for Computer and Internet Use

When using computers and the internet, I agree to:

- **follow all teacher instructions** regarding the use and activities on the computers
- **take great care** with the computer resources of the school, including desks, chairs, computers, keyboards, mice, printers and cables. This means using all equipment properly and reporting any damage to my teacher immediately.
- **protect privacy** for myself and other students by not giving out personal details such as names, telephone numbers, addresses and photographs, or adding these details to internet sites
- **always follow the BSC student code of conduct** when using computers and the internet. This includes only using appropriate language when talking to and working with others online and **never** participating in hate mail or other forms of bullying
- use the Internet at school for **educational purposes only**
- **enter only appropriate websites**, and not deliberately enter or remain in any site that has obscene language or inappropriate content (e.g. racism, violence, nudity, drugs or sexual discussion)
- **follow copyright procedures** when using content on websites (ask permission to use images, text, audio and video and cite references where necessary)
- **not interfere with network security**, the folders of another student or attempt to log into the network with a user name or password of another student
- **not reveal my password to anyone** except the system administrator or classroom teachers
- **not bring or download unauthorised programs**, including games, to the school or run them on school computers
- **talk to my teacher or another adult if**:
  - I need help online
  - I feel that the welfare of other students at the school is being threatened by online activities
  - I come across sites which are not suitable for our school
  - Someone writes something I don’t like, or makes me and my friends feel uncomfortable or asks me to provide information that I know is private.

I understand that the school system administrators have access to all students’ files and eworkspace mail.

**I have read the Conditions for Computer and Internet Use Form carefully and understand the significance of the conditions and agree to follow these conditions. I understand that any breach of these conditions will result in the Internet access privileges being suspended or revoked. More serious breaches can also result in detention, payment to replace damaged equipment, suspension or expulsion from Brunswick Secondary College.**

**Student Name:** _______________________________ **Year Level:** ___________

**Student Signature:** ______________________________________________

**Parent Signature:** _______________________________________________

**Date:** __________________________
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SYSTEMS


This section must be completed by the student

Students may only access the computer facilities at Brunswick Secondary College if they agree to abide by the Acceptable Use Policy.

Your name: ____________________________ Year Level: _______

Network login name: ________________ (for Office Use only)
I agree to abide by the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that penalties may be imposed if I break any of the provisions of the policy.

Signed: ______________________________
Date: ________________

This section must be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the student

I, the parent or guardian of ________________________________ have read and understand the Summary of Conditions of the Acceptable Use Policy for Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Systems document. I agree that my child will observe these conditions.

Name of parent or legal guardian: _______________________
Signature of parent or legal guardian: _______________________
Date: ________________

PUBLICATION OF STUDENT PHOTOS

If you wish to restrict information about, or pictures of your child being used in the College News or on the College internet site, please contact the College in writing. The College will at all times attempt to ensure compliance with these requests, but it must be recognised that accidental inclusions may occur with large website events (such as photos of massed school activities). In such cases, it is important that the College is immediately informed of the offending web page so changes may be made. It is also the responsibility of students to notify the College that an unauthorised picture or name has been posted on the website.

I agree that the College may publish my child’s photo in the College News and on the College website.

Name of parent or legal guardian: _______________________
Signature of parent or legal guardian: _______________________
Date: ________________

EMAIL CONTACT FOR NEWSLETTERS AND NOTICES

Parent email contact 1: ________________________________

Parent email contact 2: ________________________________

☐ I would like my child to receive a printed copy of the newsletter.

Child’s name: ____________________________ Pastoral Group: _____________
TERM 1 (1 February - 26 March)

1 February    First day of school for students
17 February   School Photo Day
24 February   Transition for Parents Evening (Year 7 Parents)
8 March       Labour Day Holiday
10 - 12 March Year 7 Camp
18 March      Immunisations Years 7 & 10
24 March      Greek Night Social Evening
26 March      Last Day Term 1

TERM 2 (12 April - 25 June)

12 April      First day Term 2
19 April      Year 7 & 8 Athletics Carnival
22 April      Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
26 April      ANZAC Day Holiday
11 - 13 May   NAPLAN Assessment Year 9
18 - 20 May   NAPLAN Assessment Year 7
17- 21 May    Year 10 Work Experience
26 May        Immunisations Year 7 Girls only
27 May        Rock Bands Night
11 June       State wide Correction day – no students
14 June       Queen’s Birthday Holiday
21 June       Chamber Concert
25 June       Last Day Term 2

TERM 3 (12 July - 17 September)

12 July       First Day Term 3
21 July       Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
9 August      State wide Curriculum Day - No students
19 August     Beginners’ Soiree
31 August     Clocktower Concert
19 September  Last Day Term 3

TERM 4 (4 October - 17 December)

4 October     First Day Term 4
5 October     Immunisations Year 7
13 October    Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
18 - 20 October Year 8 Camp
22 October    Last Day Year 12 & Graduation
2 November    Cup Day Holiday
11 November   Bands Night
30 November   Chamber Concert
17 December   Last Day Term 4