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School Council Member Profile

David Brant



My son Lucas is in year 12, so I am in my last year on Council. As a retired teacher my involvement stretches back to the sit in to prevent the schools closure and sale.

For the last two years I have been School Council President. Prior to the schools reopening I served on the departments interim council planning the rebirth of FHS.

I was heavily involved as part of the pressure group 'cell' of activists who fought to reopen the school.

3 Way Conferences Year 7-10

Three Way Conferences (Parent, Teacher, and Child) for students in years 7 to 10 will take place on Tuesday 24th July and Thursday 26th July between 1.30pm and 8.00pm.

At these conferences parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and the development of their Personal Learning Plans in an interview with the Advisory Teacher. It is expected that students will be present at the conference.

There is an online booking system that can be used to book your preferred times. Remember you only need to book one interview with your child's advisor.

The site is www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Log in and follow the instructions.

Years 9 & 10: 20-minute interviews. The booking code required is CB64D.

Years 7 & 8: 40-minute interviews. The booking code is **9VG23**.

If there are any difficulties with booking, please contact your child's advisory teacher.

VCE subject interviews will be on Tuesday August 7 (at Collingwood College) and Thursday August 9 (at Fitzroy HS) between 1.30 and 8.00 pm – you can attend either venue. The booking code will be distributed shortly.

Event code for VCE parent interviews: **CH8XP**

Open House Melbourne

Open House Melbourne is a not-for-profit association that runs annual events providing the public a free and rare opportunity to discover a hidden wealth of architectural, engineering and historic buildings nestled around the city.

Now in its fifth year, Open House Melbourne will open 100 spaces including commercial, residential and green buildings, as well as places of worship and sporting grounds. Event organisers expect around 120,000 visitors to the open buildings over the weekend.

This year, Fitzroy High School has been invited to be part of this prestigious event. The school will be open for conducted tours from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 28 July and Sunday 29 July. The last tour will be at 3pm. Tours commence in the 1915 building with a visit to the 1960s building and the new adjoining three-storey building.

Open House Melbourne also provides complementary public talks on seminal buildings by their designers. These architects

School grounds patrolled from 8:30am every morning

Due to traffic safety concerns, students are required to enter the school grounds when they arrive, and not wait in Falconer Street.

mark your calendar

Three Way Conferences 7-10	
when	Tuesday 24 July 1.30-8.00pm
where	FHS
who	Jet, Indigo Team Leaders

Three Way Conferences 7-10	
when	Thursday 26 July 1.30-8.00pm
where	FHS
who	Jet, Indigo Team Leaders

VCE Information Evening	
when	Tuesday 31 July 18.00-19.00
where	D101
who	Matthew Nieuwenhuizen

3 Way Conferences VCE	
when	Tuesday 7 August 13.30-19.30
where	Collingwood College
who	Michael Pollack

3 Way Conferences VCE	
when	Thursday 9 August 13.30-19.30
where	FHS
who	Matthew Nieuwenhuizen

discuss the design process that has led to the built forms we experience today. The Speaker Series gives the public a valuable insight into the design process and a greater ability to critique both buildings and the city within an architectural context.

For further information about the Open House Melbourne please visit <http://www.openhousemelbourne.org>



Explore Africa?

Recently, Tracey Bell creator of Overland Travel Adventures (a company that runs boutique tours from South Africa to Egypt) was part of the regular Guest Speaker Advisory Program for VCE students at Fitzroy High, she shared her journey and travels with all of us- here is a sneak peak of what she had on offer!

"...And then I went to Russia..... Mongolia.....Kazakhstan....Iran..... North Korea....." a new slide flicked up for of my conquests. My fears of boring the students were allayed as hands went up when I asked for questions. And so, as I prepare to return to Kenya in August, I thought I'd follow up our discussion and tell you a bit more about the opportunities Overland Travel Adventures can offer.

I started Overland Travel Adventures (OTA) earlier this year with Francis, my Kenyan colleague who has worked on overland tours for over twelve years. Together we have been leading trips throughout Eastern and Southern Africa, dedicated to making a positive impact on the communities in which we travel through capacity development projects whereby travellers can offer their expertise to practically assist a local NGO or simply to visit and make a connection for future communication.



On my first visit to Kenya in 2010, I met Ben who runs a local NGO called Amani Kibera – Kibera is the slum area of Nairobi and Amani means Peace. It was established in the wake of the post-election violence in 2008 to promote peace in the slums, where much of the inter-tribal violence had taken place.

Overland Travel Adventures came as a result of my friendships with both Francis and Ben. Combining my passion for travel with the inspiration gained from witnessing Africans working for the development of Africa, OTA facilitates opportunities for tourists to engage with the continent rather than simply view it through a window.

Amani Kibera runs a football camp for children and has established a football league in Kibera. They supplied teams with shirts and uniforms for the umpires. This simple project has fostered a sense of belonging for the young people, giving them motivation and inspiration to move forward. In March 2011, Amani Kibera's biggest project so far was opened: the first and only public library in the slums. The next step is to set up an ICT centre, and they are looking for IT assistance with networking and training.



Tsavo Volunteers is a conservation group operating in Tsavo National Park, between





Nairobi and Mombasa. Patrick heads up the NGO, providing volunteers with opportunities to learn about anti-poaching measures from the rangers as well as patrolling the park to de-snare elephant traps. An afforestation project is starting this year and there are plenty of activities in the nearby village including making paper from elephant dung to sell at market.



Overland Travel Adventures offers tailor-made safaris to small groups and individuals, volunteering opportunities and large group programs. We encourage travellers to add a little adventure to their lives and step out of their comfort zone by enjoying both the spectacular game parks that Kenya is famous for, as well as visit the development projects and interact with local communities there. Travelling with OTA provides an opportunity to stretch yourself to do things you never considered as well as some have relaxation time to rejuvenate and take a break.

For more information about Overland Travel Adventures, visit www.ota-responsibletravel.com or stop by our Facebook page and hit the "Like" button so you can stay updated with all our news www.facebook.com/OverlandTravelAdventures.

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Attend one of WEP's information evenings or
Call 1300 884 733 (for the cost of a local call)

WEP Open Day

4 August '12 / 12-4pm

WEP Office

Suite 2 / 249 Hampton Street

Hampton

WEP Information Evenings

14 August '12 / 7:30-9pm

Northcote Town Hall

189 High Street

Northcote

28 August '12 / 7:30-9pm

Kew Court House

188 High Street

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