



# FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

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## *Principal for a Day*

Principal for a Day gives a wide range of community and business leaders from all walks of life a first-hand experience of a normal day in a Victorian government school and provides an excellent opportunity to enable someone from the business community to gain a unique insight into the learning environment at our school.

**James O'Carroll** will step out of the business world of the National Australia Bank and into Fitzroy High School for the thirteenth annual Principal for a Day event on Tuesday 12 August 2014. At NAB, James leads a team of developers, testers and business analysts, ensuring business requirements are developed and tested by organising workloads, schedules and plans. James is also head coach for a local soccer team. I welcome James to the school and look forward to sharing the school life with him.

After the event day, all Principals for a Day and their host principals have the opportunity to come together to discuss the common ground they share around leadership and ways of creating on-going and productive relationships.

Principal for a Day is delivered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

### **Principal Preparation Program**

The Principal Preparation program is offered by the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership to prepare the next wave of Victorian government school principals to operate effectively under conditions of greater autonomy and to manage the complexity, expectations and increasing accountabilities of

principalship.

The aim of the Principal Preparation Program is to provide a rigorous and highly innovative program that thoroughly prepares aspiring principals for their first appointment. It provides high potential school leaders with strong preparatory experience that equips them with the confidence, skills and professional knowledge necessary to create school cultures that support the provision of high quality educational opportunities for all students.

As part of this program, participants are placed in a host school in for 10 consecutive school days as an intern. This year **Helene Hiotis** from Canterbury Girls' Secondary College will be with us for this aspect of the program. Helene has been the Assistant Principal at Canterbury Girls' Secondary College for eight years, leading the Senior School, student leadership, thinking curriculum, and buildings and grounds.

Welcome to Fitzroy High School Helene.

## *Parent Opinion Survey*

**If you haven't returned your survey could you please return to the office asap. Thank you.**

## *School for Student Leadership – Gnurad Gundidj Campus*

Cori R, Jackson H, Ben R, Lauren B, Raph CH, Josh VE and Felicity Y from the Jet Team applied and were selected to attend the nine-week leadership program at Gnurad Gundidj Campus of the School for Student Leadership.

The Fitzroy High School students have already completed their first three weeks of the program.

### **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

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In addition to class work, leadership and team building activities, students work in school groups brainstorming and forming a plan for the Community Learning Project (CLP). The teachers at Gnurad Gundidj have sent through very positive feedback on their progress. "It is very clear that all of the Fitzroy students are

**Favourite class of the week:** Our favourite class of the week was "Intro to Bikes" because we got to ride around the local area with some of our new friends. We also had some ramps set up which was pretty sweet.

**What we're looking forward to next week:** We're looking forward to Expo Skills because

Vet Information Evening 6-7pm	
When	Wed 13th August
Where	Fitzroy High
Who	Yolanda DeSantis

School Council Meeting	
When	21st August
Where	Fitzroy High School
Who	Pauline Rice

Worlds of Work—Yr 10	
when	25-29 August 2014
where	Various
who	Sandra Dickins



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very knowledgeable and passionate about local and global issues affecting them today and it is exciting to see their CLP already taking shape!" Samantha Barker (Gnurad Gundidj Teacher)

The project they design will be put in place when they arrive back to Fitzroy in Term 4.

### Fitzroy Students Media Release

**Highlight for this week:** We were all really proud of ourselves when we reached the top of Mount Noorat. It was a beautiful day and the view was absolutely amazing.

we are all excited for Expo 1 and we want to know how to cook in the bush. Expo skills should be a pretty interesting class.

If you would like to follow along with how the Fitzroy students are going and the activities they are doing see [www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au](http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au)



## STAND UP AND STAND OUT

On Thursday the 31st of July, the Pride leaders (Jo, Josi, Freja and Natasha) went to Melbourne High for Stand Up & Stand Out, a Queer-Straight Alliance (QSA) conference which may be the first of its kind. Quite a few school groups attended, including Mac Rob, Thornbury High, Bentleigh, Emerald, East Doncaster and Uni High.

We began with a few icebreakers, and then group by group, took the stage to talk about what each of our schools were doing to combat homophobia and transphobia. It was really interesting to hear what the other schools had to say, as some had QSAs, some didn't, some were doing a lot, and some weren't. However, every single student present was dedicated to improving their school environment.

We found out that Thornbury High, while not focusing on LGBT+ issues, cracks down hard on bullying of all kinds. Students from the QSA at Mac Rob have petitioned their teachers to start using gender neutral collective nouns, like 'class' as opposed to 'ladies'. Students from single-sex schools that attended have been trying to solve issues surrounding transgender students, as such students may like the school but by coming out or transitioning become incompatible with the school's single-gender reputation.

Here at Fitzroy, we recently completed painting a rainbow crossing using money raised from last year's Pride Day and many generous donations, which can be seen out the front of the school from Falconer St. We also have many gender-neutral toilets available for use by any student and are part of the Safe Schools coalition, as well as having a no tolerance bullying policy which extends to homophobia and transphobia.

It was really exciting to see some of the other schools that are part of the acceptance movement. We came away from the day ready to start the Pride Network, which will aim to be an interschool QSA and online resource hub designed to bring people together and empower more schools to join the effort, as well as providing accessible educational material that can be used in all schools.

We are also independently planning our next Pride Day for Thursday, August 28th. We'll sell food and drinks, including pancakes, spiders and cupcakes, and have some musical performances as an opportunity to showcase students' musical talent ahead of the cabaret

later this year. This year we will be conducting some educational activities as well, to raise awareness of issues that many LGBT+ students face in schools, such as homophobia and transphobia. Wear It Purple Day, an international event to raise awareness of homophobia and transphobia that occurs in schools, is on Friday, August 29th, and we encourage everyone to support their fellow students and take a stand against bullying that LGBT+ students face by wearing purple.



Pride meet every Friday recess in the Drama room (A121) and all are welcome to come. If you

have any questions, please feel free to contact us on [pridefhs.tumblr.com](http://pridefhs.tumblr.com) (where you can ask anonymous questions) or email us at [fitzroyhspride@gmail.com](mailto:fitzroyhspride@gmail.com).

Josi and Jo

## VET INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 13 August 2014 : 6 - 7pm

Fitzroy High School Library

Are you in Year 9? Year 10? Are thinking about studying a VET in 2015? VET combines senior school studies and accredited vocational training. It enables you to complete a nationally recognised vocational qualification and a senior certificate (VCE/VCAL) at the same time. It develops employability skills and industry specific skills. There are over 30 courses to choose from. Don't miss out!! Come along on the 13th and find out all about VET. Please confirm your participation via email to [desantis.yolanda.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:desantis.yolanda.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) no later than Monday 11 August 2014.

