Highlights from ten of our Year 12 graduates from 2012

Harry Bevilacqua

Whilst successfully completing his VCE, Harry also successfully completed:

- Cert III in Information Technology (which includes a paid work experience component) at Box Hill TAFE
- Part I of Cert IV in Screen & Media via ELTHAM College
- Cert IV in Interactive Games Design at Box Hill TAFE

Plans for 2013 – Continue with further study at tertiary level in the field of Interactive Games Design

Job/career aspirations – Work in his preferred field of Games Design and Concept Art

Study tip – “Don’t leave study until the last minute!”

Sarah Fitzsimmons – Media Captain

Whilst successfully completing VCE, Sarah also was involved in:

- Travelling to Guatemala for volunteer work
- Completed Cert IV in Screen & Media at ELTHAM College

Plans for 2013 – GAP year, include: travelling to Argentina, doing volunteer work

Job/Career aspirations – Film Industry

Study tips - Write a list of things to do and tick them off as they’re done. If ever feeling stressed, take a break and watch a good movie

Candice Chang – School Captain

Our first international student to do Global Politics! Active member of School Council and our Multicultural Reference Committee.

Plans for 2013 – Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne to do International Relations and probably another language, possibly Spanish!

Job/Career aspirations – Possibly a lawyer, or something that will allow a global contribution.

Study tip - always put in a lot of effort in ESL, as it is a vital subject. Maybe do as many essays as you can, so you can learn about vocabulary and article themes. I did more than 20 essays before the examination so they include almost every theme of what we learned.
Jeremy Catt

Jeremy combined his love of music with successfully completing VCE by undertaking, as part of his studies, a Certificate III in VET Music as well as doing VCE Music Performance.

Plans for 2013 – Study Surveying

Job/Career – Work as a surveyor

Study tips – Be self-directed and work towards what you really want to do. Stay focused, and concentrate on what you want.

Tom McLeod

Plan for 2013 - Commerce at University Melbourne

Job/Career – Something in Business or Accounting

Study tip – Don’t stress! No matter what score you get, there is a way to get to where you want to be.

Danielle Apted

Played violin in school bands. Plans for 2013 – Animal & Veterinary Science or Science at University

Job/Career – Work as a veterinarian or an agricultural scientist.

Study tip – Don’t leave things until the last minute. Work steadily throughout the year, which will definitely make things easier at the end of the year.

Jason Smedley

Jason was able to begin his studies for his Apprenticeship in Commercial Cookery whilst at school via VET Hospitality Certificate II in Hospitality and Certificate III in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) all whilst studying for his VCE.

Plan for 2013 – Continue with his Apprenticeship and working at Mercer’s restaurant

Job/Career – Work as a chef

Study tip – None! (Probably should say don’t cram the night before, but he did!) Jason is a believer in the value of “following your career interests”!
Nina Whittles – School Captain

Nina successfully studied Auslan whilst doing her VCE as well as completing a Cert II in Community Services (Childcare). Nina achieved a perfect score of 50 for this VET Community Services course. Nina has already applied for and been accepted into the Certificate III in Children’s Services course for 2013.

Plan for 2013 – Psychology Honours degree at Monash University
Job/Career – Psychologist working with children with disabilities.
Study tip – Keep up your with your other activities, eg. Exercise, social life

Annabelle Pendlebury

Annabelle was involved in school debating and won the Alain D. Phillips Award for Languages, which she used to participate in the school’s exchange program to France. Completed Part I of Cert IV in Screen & Media at ELTHAM College. Achieved a perfect score of 50 for History Revolutions Unit 3/4 when in Second Year and a perfect score for English in her Final Year.

Plan for 2013 – Arts degree at University of Melbourne
Job/Career – International Relations/Journalist
Study tip – Take breaks and make time for fun. When studying, try to go somewhere quiet with no distractions.

Tim Anderson

Tim will be taking a GAP year – training at the Olympic kayaking venue in Penrith, Sydney with the aim of seeing if he can make the Australian squad in kayaking.