



SEFA NEWS



Memorable Challenges 2011

Are you passionate, enthusiastic, have a spirit of adventure and a desire to assist SEFA?

Join us for an information night:

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Thursday 18th
November 2010

World Expeditions
Level 1/393
Little Bourke Street
Melbourne

RSVP

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More information on SEFA website:

www.skylinefoundation.org.au

FROM ADVERSITY TO OPPORTUNITY

Weekend Workshop

The "mermaid" featured above was the result of a "Costume Challenge" team building activity at camp. The SEFA VCE Bursary Program participants were put into groups for the challenge, given a theme, masking tape, newspaper and thirty minutes to produce a character!

An evaluation on completion of the weekend asked; "What were the three most positive things you gained from the weekend?" Responses included:

- Friendship – meeting wonderful people!
- Food – apple crumble – drool!
- A positive outlook/new insights on VCE
- Self awareness

- Rest is a really important factor
- Using the VCAA website is essential
- Breakfast will keep me good throughout the day
- How to balance my life, education and social life better
- Don't leave everything to the last minute
- Use the weekly planner to plan my work ahead so that I don't leave everything to the last minute
- Confidence
- An understanding of what I have to do through my VCE
- There is more to life than study!
- A clearer picture of next year
- Identifying my weaknesses
- Refining my study techniques
- The game plan!
- Having fun
- Refreshing my mind about procrastination and its consequences for me in Year 12
- Realisation of the significance of the year
- Friendship/laughter/card skills
- Good memories
- Not having a curfew and loving the freedom
- Team building activities
- How and where to go for info on courses
- Laughing too much!



YEAR 12 GRADUATION 2009

2009 Graduate Address by Tony Nguyen

“Besides the many benefits that Skyline was able to provide me with, such as financial aid, one particular aspect of the entire program that always continued to push me forward was the fact that I knew that there were so many people who had put so much time and effort into mine and all the other participants’ wellbeing. With that in mind, I knew the least I could do was to give 100% and keep going, and to make the most of this golden opportunity. At certain times, it was difficult to maintain a high level of motivation and discipline, but with that thought in the back of my mind, along with many other factors, I knew I couldn’t waste the chance that was given to me by letting everyone down. In the end, I feel that my overall VCE experience was a success with Skyline being a major contributor to that time in my life.”

An extract from Tony Nguyen’s moving Graduation Address.

Girmay Mengesha – this is how my year looks so far.....

“Since I graduated from high school last year, I have chosen a path that I believe will give me extra life experiences. After securing my place at RMIT University (Electrical Engineering/Business Management) I deferred my course for one year. Since then I have been working and saving money for my holiday time in Africa (Ethiopia) to refresh myself and get ready for university in 2011. This year also has been extraordinary for me as I officially became an Australian in September and I am extremely happy to be recognised as such. I am now looking forward to my holiday which starts in November”.

Girmay came to Australia from Ethiopia in 2005.

SEFA was fortunate to have its 2009 VCE Bursary Program Graduation Ceremony hosted by DE&ECD at Treasury Place and the Honourable Bronwyn Pike present fabulous Oxford Dictionaries donated by OUP to our graduates. Once again all SEFA VCE Bursary Program participants achieved their VCE and were offered tertiary positions!



Top photo; Tony Nguyen. Bottom photo: Girmay Mengesha.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Through the Skyline Education Foundation Australia there are many ways in which you can create opportunities for disadvantaged young people with potential to reach their goals.

Please join us by considering the following options.

Provide a bursary for one child
\$11,700 will provide a bursary to one student for two years while they undertake their VCE. The VCE Bursary Program delivers educational, financial and emotional support to disadvantaged, talented students.

A corporate donation

As a business, show you care about young Australians and sponsor a participant or make a donation to provide one of the many program benefits.

A personal or family donation

Donations large and small will help provide more program bursaries. Donations may be made monthly, quarterly, annually or occasionally.

Account Name:

Skyline Education
Foundation Australia
Account Number: 130354897
BSB: 633 000

Or donate to the “Skyline Education Appeal” through the Community Enterprise Foundation at any Bendigo Bank or online at: www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation/skyline

The Skyline Education Foundation Australia has Deductible Gift Recipient status and as such all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

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