

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES
Congratulations!

Our best wishes go to Zacherie Mooseek for his fine achievement in the regional final of the 2009 Legacy Junior Public Speaking award. He shared first place and is to be congratulated on his success. Sincere thanks to his teacher Jennifer Buchanan for her assistance and support.

Strategic Planning

Dr Peter Hart - Director of Insight SRC recently joined us again at Brauer to look at our preparation for the coming strategic planning process. You may recall in earlier newsletters that I have outlined Dr Hart's work in designing the key data collection tools used to evaluate the progress and achievements of schools and their educational climate. During the day Dr Hart was able to work with our school leadership team, whole staff and finally our School Council in mapping out our priorities for the coming planning process. Our school has identified two key areas for priority:

1. Pastoral Model - currently in implementation mode; and
2. Teaching and Learning strategies. His expertise is invaluable and we look forward to the next stage of the process.

Leadership Opportunities
(1) Professional Study Leave - Teaching & Learning

During my past 18 months at Brauer I am continually reminded of the high level of professionalism and commitment shown by our staff. Many of our staff have taken up opportunities to continue their professional learning by applying for a range of programs. A high number of these applications were successful and these staff are engaged in rewarding programs which will have a direct positive impact on our students. Recently another group of our staff put in a proposal to seek study leave to investigate a new instructional leadership model called E5. Our team of Paul Buchanan, Michele Wills and Erynne Ewenson have been successful after only 20 applications across the state were chosen. Well done.

(2) Eleanor Davis Program

Over the last week I have had the pleasure of having Lori Anderson (Yr 6 Teacher from Woolsthorpe) shadowing me in my role as College Principal. Lori was chosen from a strong field and identified as a young leader with potential for moving into a future principal position. I ask students and staff to make her feel welcome as she moves around the school observing our operations as a large secondary school

Quote of the Day

"The golden opportunity you are seeking is in yourself. It is not in your environment, it is not in luck or chance, or the help of others; it is in yourself alone." – Orison Swett Marden

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2009

JUNE	
Mon 22 – Fri 26	Maroon Week
Mon 22 – 8 July	Muirra Trip
Tues 23	Warrnambool PFA Meeting 1-2pm Conference Room, Brauer College
Tues 23 – Fri 26	8C Dunkeld Camp
Wed 24	Koroit PFA Raffle Drawn
Wed 24	Zone Cross Country
Fri 26	END OF TERM 2 – 2.30pm
JULY	
Mon 13	START OF TERM 3
Mon 13 – Fri 17	Green Week
Tues 14 – Fri 17	8D Dunkeld Camp
Tues 21 – Fri 24	8E Dunkeld Camp
Mon 27 – Fri 31	Year 12 Snow Trip
Tues 4 – Fri 7 Aug	8F Dunkeld Camp
Tues 11-Fri 14 Aug	8G Dunkeld Camp
Mon 17-Fri 21 Aug	Yr 10 Snow Trip
Tues 1 – Fri 4 Sept	8H Dunkeld Camp
Tues 15-Fri 18 Sept	8I Dunkeld Camp
Tues 6 – Fri 9 Oct	8J Dunkeld Camp

Parent Input

Many of you have made yourself known to me through the various daily happenings of school life. During the coming semester we will be organising a range of opportunities for you to join us to talk about Brauer College. Please take up these invitations as we value your input as we work together to provide the best opportunities for your son/daughter.

Mid Year Break

The last few weeks have been very busy as assessment tasks have been finalised and reporting completed. May I ask you to take some time to reflect over the content in the reports that are brought home to you.

On behalf of our school I wish you and your family a safe and restful term vacation. My husband and I will be travelling to Washington DC to attend the 30th annual National Educational Computing Conference along with a visit to Philadelphia and New York to visit some key schools. Mr Robert Porter - Head of Senior School will be Acting Principal for my absence during the first week of term 3.

Julie Myers, College Principal

OFFICE HOURS

The General Office hours of operation are:

8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am to 4.00pm Friday

Please note that the office has B-Pay available.

EMA ASSISTANCE

If your circumstances have changed it is in your interest to contact Centrelink to check your eligibility for entitlement to a health care card.

To be eligible to claim Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for instalment 2 you must have a current health care card on 13 July 2009.

BULLETINS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

These bulletins are available on our website.

If you do not require a hard copy of the bulletins please advise your child not to collect them from school when distributed.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP – SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHOP HOURS

Thursday July 9 1 - 4pm

TERM 2 & 3 SHOP HOURS

Monday 2.30 pm - 4pm

Tuesday 12.30pm - 2pm

Thursday 2.30 pm - 4pm

Michelle and Elizabeth

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

We are short of second hand clothing for students in need. If you have any items you can donate please forward them to the front office.

Warrnambool PFA

Extends an

Invitation to You

to attend the next Meeting

Tuesday 23 June

1pm – 2pm

*in the Brauer College Conference Room
(enter via front doors to the Administration area)*

*If you are unable to attend this meeting but
would like to be involved with the PFA
please phone Bob Hartmann 5560 3845.*

IMPORTANT REMINDER

KOROIT PARENTS & FRIENDS RAFFLE

A reminder to all students and parents that our raffle will be drawn on the last Wednesday of term (June 24) at assembly.

Any outstanding sold or unsold tickets need to be returned to school on Monday 22 June.

Anne Knappett (Sec – Koroit P&F)

ENGLISH TUTORIALS

Would you like some extra help in English? Is there a skill area you want to improve? Have you got an assignment that is worrying you? All students in Year 7-12 are welcome to attend after school English tutorials in C3, every Monday from 3.40-5pm with Mrs Vallence. Come each week or just when you need help with something specific. See you there!

“CAN YOU HELP??”

The SRC has undertaken the renovation and rejuvenation of the old trampoline area. So far we have removed all the old concrete pieces and filled the holes where the trampolines used to be. We are fundraising to provide students with another quiet area to sit and share together. The plan is to provide more tables and seating for the students and long term a shaded area. But we need your help. We desperately need large rocks or old tree stumps so we can create natural seating for students. If you have any lying around that you could help us out with please contact Anna Gage at the College on 5560 3888 as soon as possible.

Anna Gage

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Brauer College Music Academy is now offering a limited number of fully paid scholarships on flute for semester 2, 2009. Positions are available by application only.

Playing music:

- Improves concentration, memory and self expression.
- Improves the ability to think.
- Improves verbal memory.
- Increases creative thinking
- Helps to build confidence and self esteem

No prior experience is necessary but there are a limited number of vacancies. For application details please contact Russell Moody in the Music Department before the 22nd of June.

russellm@brauer.vic.edu.au

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

This year's school musical is SPAMALOT and we're looking for donations of fabrics and sewing notions. In particular we would like any **scraps of satin or any other shiny fabric, sequins, buttons or zippers**. If you have anything in your stash that would look good on a knight on stage we would be most grateful. Any donations may be left with the Textile Department in F1.

Thank you, Helen Thomson



....what's new at Brauer College Teaching and Learning Resource Centre

New books

Junior Fiction –

What could be newer than a re-issue of ever-popular and beloved series written by Enid Blyton? She is consistently referred to by many adults as the author of their favourite childhood books. The Resource Centre has now bought a number of titles that are sure to appeal, from the *The Wishing Chair*, *The Naughtiest Girl*, and the *Famous Five* series on the 'new books' table now!

Dinosaur knights by Michael Gerard Bauer is highly recommended by Ms. Hampson. Author of the international-award winner, *The running man*, his new book is about a boy desperate to be a knight and finding the courage and skill to achieve his ambition. "An original and adrenalin-pumping adventure yarn..."

Fiction for older readers

Jarvis 24 by acclaimed Australian writer David Metzenthien is a story of friendship, 'crazed coaches, shooting stars and loves lost and found.'

The Death of Napoleon is highly recommended by Mr. King. 'Teasing, imaginative and superbly entertaining, this book is a modern classic.

Non- Fiction

Ever worried about speaking to people? As part of a series of books on life skills, *Panic-free presentations* gives a step-by-step guide to presenting talks, Power Points and demonstrations.

Managing our money is something we'd all like to do better! *Managing money* is another excellent guide in the *Life Skills* series of books. Clear and easy to read it explains in simple terms the advantages and disadvantages of using credit cards, understanding interest and managing a budget.

If travel is in your thoughts, Orhan Pamuk's *Istanbul: memories and the city* gives a very personal and affectionate look at this ancient centre of culture.

Bite of the mango is a true story of resilience and hope. Mariatu Kamara grew up in a small village in Sierra Leone surrounded by family and friends. Then the civil war intruded and her home was attacked by rebels, killing many of the people she loved. In this senseless violence Mariatu herself was badly injured, but miraculously survived and went on to create a new life for herself in America. Inspirational.

New Websites

ANZ LitLovers is a site devoted to links to a variety of book review sites

http://au.geocities.com/anz_litlovers/index.html

DMusic the original music social network

<http://www.dmusic.com/>

If you haven't caught up with this very reputable site, try it! Good Game.

<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/goodgame/>

Sharyn Anderson & Staff Teaching and Learning Resource Centre

**2009 TRIP TO CHINA –
A TRIP OF A LIFE TIME**

In line with Brauer College's policy of offering students an opportunity to travel overseas to experience a rich and unique cultural and educational exchange, this year will again see students offered the opportunity to participate in an excursion to visit their sister school, Liangfeng High School in Zhanjigang city, Jiangsu Province, China, in November. Students will get the opportunity to be host by a local family in Zhanjiagang, interact in a range of cultural activities, including an overnight visit to Nanjing and 3 days of sightseeing and shopping in the exciting city of Shanghai.

The 14 day trip which will be offered to year 9 students and above and will take place after the VCE exams in November to enable VCE students the opportunity to participate. The successful applicants will need to be tolerant, broad-minded and willing to try new experiences. The students must be prepared to be challenged and be put on the spot to be an ambassador for Australia and Brauer College and above all, be willing to have the trip of a life time!

A delegation from our sister school in China will visit Brauer College in term 3 and it is an expectation that students intending to go to China will be hosting our Chinese visitors.

The students will be accompanied by teacher, Mr. Bryan McGarvie and his wife, Mrs. Coral McGarvie.

The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately \$2,500 will include transport to and from Warrnambool to Tullamarine, visa charges, return airfares to Shanghai, internal bus travel, 4 nights accommodation in hotels (Nanjing and Shanghai) and all meals.

Upon being selected for the China trip a deposit of \$500.00 will need to be paid to secure a place.

If you are interested in your child participating in this trip, please complete the expression of interest form below and return it to Mrs. Tricia Blakeslee or contact her at school by phone 55603888 for further information.

**AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTICE –
BRAUER COLLEGE TRIP TO CHINA IN 2009**

Name of student Form

Student's signature

Name of parent (s)/ guardian

Parent/ guardian's signature

CAREERS CORNER

Year 10 Students

A number of year 10 students have started the process of working out their school program for next year. Students are faced with many options including VCE, VET, VCAL, or school based apprenticeships and working out the most appropriate pathway can be a daunting prospect for students and parents. All year 10 students will have an opportunity to work through this with the careers teacher. This will be followed by a parent information evening at Brauer on July 21st where the options will be explained to parents and students. The final part of this process will be a scheduled 20 minute interview for parents and students to go over final subject selection. The date that has been set for this is August 11-12.

Students who intend to apply for university after their year 12 year need to ensure that they have the pre-requisite subjects for the course of their choice. The Herald Sun and the Age will publish the full list of 2012 university entry guidelines in a supplement on Monday July 20.

Year 9 Try a Career

All year 9 students attended Sherwood Park at Deakin University for "Try a Career" day. The students chose two careers to have a hands-on experience at and they also received information from recent school leavers about a variety of careers. Year 9 students who would like further information on careers are encouraged to come to the careers office.



Year 9 "Drive your Future" Program

Year 9 students have been completing a careers program in their commerce class called "Drive your Future". This has involved them completing a life coaching program where the aim has been for them to explore their interests and strengths and then match these with careers that might suit them.

The conclusion of this program involved a careers excursion to South West TAFE and Deakin University. This enabled students to experience a tertiary campus and gain information on courses that are offered. Year 9 students who do commerce in the second semester will do this program also.

University of Tasmania Agricultural Science Experience

A wonderful opportunity exists for 5 Brauer students to have an all-expenses trip to Tasmania in December for a program being run by the Agricultural Science department of the University of Tasmania. The trip will be for a week in duration and is being offered to year 12 or year 11 students. Year 11 or 12 students, who have an interest in Agricultural Science, are to see Mr Jackson for details about applying for the trip.

Presentation from Medical Students

A group of university students who are studying medicine will be at Brauer next week on Tuesday June 23rd. The students will give a presentation about studying Medicine and this will take place at 1pm in room A1.

Beacon Foundation Business Function

Year 10 Beacon Foundation Ambassadors, Ali McLaren, Brendan Dougan, Caitlyn Polack and Elizabeth Bartlett, conducted the first Beacon business function yesterday. The main aim of the function was to invite business leaders into Brauer to develop links with industry to assist us with a number of programs at Brauer. The event included presentations from the Mayor, Mr Michael Neoh and also Mr Ben Cooper from the Beacon Foundation. The event was well attended by members of the Warrnambool business community and we are encouraged by the support that was shown from them.

Year 10 Mock Job Interviews

A reminder to year 10 students and parents that the Mock Job interviews will take place early next term on Wednesday July 29th. All year 10 students should have completed their resume and application letter with the support of Westvic and their English teacher. Students who need further support to complete their resume should see Mr Jackson in the careers office.

Morrisby Guidance Service

The Morrisby Organisation produces the most popular careers guidance system in use in the UK. This system, known as the Morrisby Guidance Service, offers objective aptitude and personality measurement linked to a sophisticated interests questionnaire.

Morrisby Guidance Service Cont'd

The service is designed for students and has been adapted for Australian conditions. Students who are seeking ideas and careers direction will benefit from completing the Morrisby Profile(MP). The MP will assist students / parents to examine careers they may be very suited to, but do not choose these career fields due to their own lack of exposure or knowledge of the occupation. The MP develops a comprehensive psychological profile of the individual, supported by a state-of-the-art computerised report. The core of the system is a test battery of twelve paper and pencil tests integrated to assess aptitude and work based personality.

The student receives a score on each of the measures which is then presented as a profile. Although the scores allow student's to be compared with each other, the "shape" of the profile is used to show a student's own strengths and limitations, and a detailed interpretation is based on the relationship of the scores with each other.

Age / Year Level:

The MGS system is appropriate for all ages from 15 years to Adult. In schools it is generally scheduled for Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12. The MGS will help you identify your learning abilities, strengths and match these to possible career fields or occupations. The report will identify at least 20 occupations you might like to consider, based on your assessment and questionnaire. Very few programs are able to comprehensively achieve this type of assessment.

Applications

The Morrisby Guidance Service is being conducted in Warrnambool on Saturday 25 July 2009.

Venue: Warrnambool College – Enter via main Administration Office.

Time: 9:00 am to conclude about 12:30 pm. (Includes a 20 minute break after 1.5 hours)

Fee: \$110.00

If you are interested, collect a registration form from the careers office at Brauer College.

Iain Jackson, Careers Teacher

BRAUER CROSS COUNTRY 2009

There have been some results published for the Cross Country Events that have been completed this year.

Just to summarise all results at this stage:

Year 7 Boys

- 1st Tom Schnerring
- 2nd Ely Smith
- 3rd Tom Williamson

Year 7 Girls

- 1st Milly Kewley
- 2nd Brittany Hyland
- 3rd Annie Blackburn

Year 8 Boys

- 1st Daniel Carlsson
- 2nd Vincent Brittnell
- 3rd Dylan Williams

Year 8 Girls

- 1st Tiffany Gill
- 2nd Alice Chapman
- 3rd Rachel Alderson

Year 9 Boys

- 1st Cory Dwyer
- 2nd Dylan O'Brien
- 3rd Jayden Hancock

Year 9 Girls

- 1st Teashene Struth
- 2nd Carly Membery
- 3rd Emily Shanley

We have also participated in the WDSSSA round against Emmanuel with some excellent results.

Junior Girls (U/14 and U/15 together)

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| 1 st Milly Kewley | 1 st in Age Group |
| 4 th Rebecca Kelly | 2 nd in Age Group |
| 7 th Tiffany Gill | 4 th in Age Group |
| 9 th Sophie Hyland | 4 th in Age Group |
| 10 th Annie Blackburn | 5 th in Age Group |

Junior Boys (U/14 and U/15 together)

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 th Daniel Carlsson | 3 rd in Age Group |
| 7 th Vincent Brittnell | 4 th in Age Group |
| 9 th Tom Schnerring | 5 th in Age Group |

Inter Girls (U/16 and U/17 together)

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 st Teashene Struth | 1 st in Age Group |
| 4 th Rose Moloney | 2 nd in Age Group |
| 7 th Lydia Moloney | 6 th in Age Group |
| 9 th Shkara Rantall | 7 th in Age Group |

Inter Boys (U/16 and U/17 together)

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 st Oscar Robinson | 1 st in Age Group |
| 3 rd Cory Dwyer | 2 nd in Age Group |
| 6 th Dylan O'Brien | 1 st in Age Group |
| 7 th Lyndon Bamford | 3 rd in Age Group |
| 9 th Jayden Hancock | 5 th in Age Group |

Senior Girls (U/18 and U/21 together)

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| 1 st Elizabeth Doueal | 1 st in Age Group |
| 2 nd Steph Pontonio | 1 st in Age Group |
| 3 rd Annika Schuckmann | 2 nd in Age Group |
| 7 th Zuraiyer Rantall | 3 rd in Age Group |
| 8 th Hannah Moloney | 4 th in Age Group |
| 9 th Chloe Smith | 5 th in Age Group |

Senior Boys (U/18 and U/21 together)

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 st Tom White | 1 st in Age Group |
| 2 nd Chace Struth | 2 nd in Age Group |
| 4 th Ben Beattie | 2 nd in Age Group |
| 5 th Travis Wilson | 3 rd in Age Group |

The next round Brauer students will compete at is on the final Wednesday of Term 2 at the University of Ballarat. The top 5 runners from each individual age group will compete over the course and any runner in the top 20 for their age group progress to the State Final. Also scores are added for all 5 runners per age group and the top 2 teams can also qualify for the State Finals. The State Final is held at Bundoora early in Term 3.

Training for these teams has been occurring on Thursdays at BrauerAnder park.

Good luck to those at the Western Zone at Ballarat.

Jason Kermeen, Sports Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER

June

Monday 22 Deb Wilkinson, Jodie Alexander, Tania Rowe, Heather Haberfield, Marcelle Stewart

Tuesday 23 Sylvia Hall, Leanne McCann, Melissa Douglas

Wednesday 24 Janet Huffer, Sally Carlin, Leanne Campbell

Thursday 25 Graeme Taylor, Cathy Parsons, Thea Trigg, Anita Senior, Jennifer Bartlett

Friday 26 Kate Murnane, Fiona Martin, Julie McDonald, Andrea Petitt, Naomi Gibb, Jackie Carey

Term 3

July

Monday 13 Janine Gapes, Pam Stennett, Deb Wilkinson, Val Murphy

Tuesday 14 Janet Huffer, Sue Wines, Jenny Sack, Noelene King

Wednesday 15 Fiona Rule, Mandy Umbers, Sharon Johnson, Coral Burleigh

Thursday 16 Graeme Taylor, Cathy Parsons, Julie Ballinger, Rebecca Ross, Wendy Smith

Friday 17 Lisa Brind, Jodie Gysen, Kate Sanders, Alison Elliot, Lyn Pike

Dear Helpers, if you are unable to attend your rostered day could you please give us a call in the canteen and let us know. This will allow us time to phone around and find a replacement.

Fiona

A word of advice from Detective Sergeant Porter of Warrnambool Criminal Investigation Unit.

Do you know what your children are doing with their phones and I.T. equipment? I would like to address the issue of 'cyber offences'. In recent months, there have been an ever increasing number of crimes that are being committed through the use of websites and mobile phones.

I am urging you as parents to please discuss this topic in depth with your children to ensure that they are aware of the consequences of the crimes that are associated with committing the below listed offences.

It is an offence to harass or threaten anyone over the phone/internet. This could end up being a stalking charge or worse still (depending on the content), an incitement offence.

Threatening to harm another is an offence as is calling a person distasteful things is an offence. These types of behaviours could also include racial vilification offences.

If a person takes photographs of their genitals and sends it to another, this is an offence. Receiving a photo of a pornographic nature **and** passing it on to another is an offence.

To stand by and take a video of another being assaulted and urging them on is an offence.

We are urging that you as parents explain **that in using these forms of communication you are accepting the responsibility associated with its use.** The original source of these illegal publications can and will be traced by police where appropriate. Prosecution WILL be the ultimate result where charges are warranted.

People posting insulting, untrue, or unsupported comments about others are leaving themselves open to CIVIL defamation suits which could cost thousand of dollars in payouts.

We encourage any person/s who feel that they have been the victim of such serious incidents to speak out and report this to your local Police for assistance.

These offences are viewed seriously and a **low** tolerance approach will be adopted by Police for anyone committing such serious offences.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (DEECD) - PARENT COMMUNICATION

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

- Visit www.health.vic.gov.au
- Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**
- Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)
- Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

BRAUER COLLEGE BUILDING FUND

Brauer College is inviting parents to contribute to projects for further enhancement of the student wellbeing area and music and technology wings.

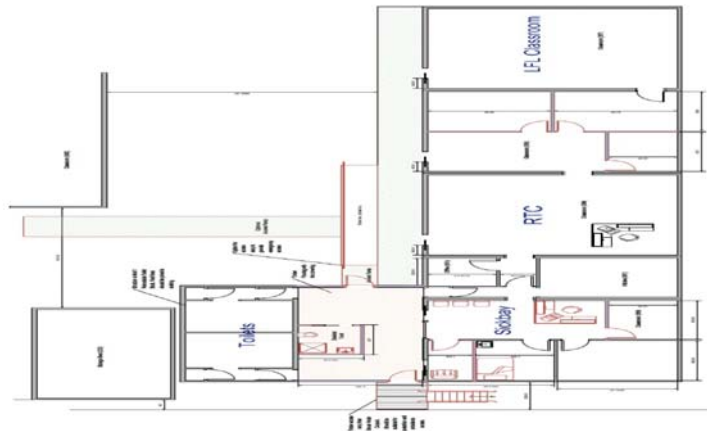
The Federal government is part of the BER program which is providing \$200,000 to assist with this development.

Donations to the building fund are fully audited and must be used for building purposes and are fully tax deductible.

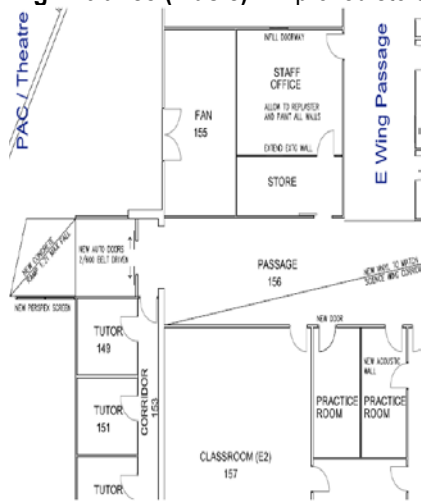
If you wish to donate please complete the slip below and return with money to the Brauer College front office. A receipt will be sent in the mail.

Thank you.

Wellbeing Area Enhancement - 'One Stop' area for students, Sickbay relocated to Wellbeing area, Additional consulting rooms for visiting professionals



New E Wing Entrance (Music) - improved storage for music equipment



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BRAUER COLLEGE BUILDING FUND

Name:

Students name(s):

Address:

Signature:

Donation: \$5 \$10 \$20 other \$.....

