Dear Parents,

In 2008, students will have the opportunity of undertaking a special program called R.E.A.L. The aim of this program is to engage students in real life and meaningful learning experiences to build resilience, self-confidence and responsibility and to provide vocational skills that will better prepare students for the workforce or for further study.

The objectives of the program include:

- To provide an alternate program for Year 9 students who are disengaging with the normal school program.
- A greater emphasis on literacy and numeracy that better prepares students for the workforce or to continue with further study.
- Ability to complete modules from Certificate 1 Work in Education and Certificate 1 Employment Skills Training.
- To provide students with the opportunity to participate in classes that are geared towards real-life learning.
- To provide an emphasis on job-preparedness and work education.
- To participate in a Personal Development program that focuses on self esteem, teamwork and leadership abilities.
- A greater emphasis on “hands on” activities and life skills.

Program Outline:

- Students complete 4 core subjects: Literacy, Numeracy, Business Enterprise/Community Projects and Personal Development/Life Skills.
- Within the above units students will complete two TAFE/VET courses.
- Students to be involved in a Business Enterprise program one day per week which will be at the Ballarat Learning Exchange.
- The personal development unit will contain sport and students will complete Level One First Aid.
- Students will study a vocationally related and relevant English and Mathematics program.
- Students will continue to select and study subjects from the elective program.
- All classes will be taken by Mount Clear College Staff.
Please note:
- There will be no set texts for the core classes.
- The REAL program will have a levy fee of $90.00.
- Students will be expected to attend one day per week at the Ballarat Learning Exchange. Students will need to arrange transport to and from the venue.

Students who are interested in being involved in the program must complete the application form attached. Parents must sign the parent consent section. **Forms must be handed to Mrs Linda Flynn at the front office.**

Students will be required to attend an interview for selection into the program. *(Note: the REAL program takes the place of the normal Yr 9 curriculum program).*

If you require any further information regarding the program, please contact Linda Flynn at the school.

Linda Flynn
Assistant Principal
APPLICATION FORM

YEAR NINE R.E.A.L. PROGRAM 2008

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Write a brief paragraph explaining why you think you would benefit from the Yr 9 REAL Program:

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Parent Consent

I give permission for ___________________________ of homeroom _________ to apply for the Yr 9 REAL program at Mount Clear College.

I understand that my child will be attending the Ballarat Learning Exchange one day per week and that my son/daughter will need to organize his/her own transport to and from the centre.

I understand that my son/daughter will be completing two work related TAFE/VET approved certificates.

I understand that a levy fee of $90.00 is due and payable at the commencement of 2008 for the REAL program.

Signature of parent/guardian_____________________________________
Date __________________________
Dear Parent,

Please find outlined below some additional information regarding the REAL program 2008.

What does the Yr 9 REAL Program involve?

- Students will complete 4 core subjects (Literacy Communication, Numeracy, Personal Development and Business Enterprise) plus electives.
- Students will attend the Ballarat Learning Exchange in Camp St every Friday as part of the Business Enterprise and Literacy units. Students will need to make their own way to and from the venue. Students will need to be there by 9.00am and will be dismissed at 3.15pm. Students must wear school uniform.
- Students will be placed in their own homeroom (9R1) which must be attended everyday except Mondays.
- Students must complete the attached enrolment agreement form and return this to Mrs Flynn by Friday 8th February 2008. Students must understand that their ongoing position in the program will depend on consistently acceptable behaviour, attendance and performance.
- Booklists have been distributed to all students. Parents please note: you will not need to purchase the Core English, Mathematics, SOSE, Science, Health & PE and Get Real items. The only booklist items that need to be purchased are: Stationary (all students), REAL and elective booklist items.
- There will be a 2 day camp for REAL students early in Term 2. More details will follow early in Term 1.

When does it start?

- The whole program starts on day one: Thursday 31st February 2008.
- Students commence at the BLX on Friday 1st February 2008.

What do I need to do now?

- Read the student expectations outlined on the sheet attached. Sign and return the student agreement to Mrs Flynn by Friday 8th February, 2008.
- Return payment form and $90.00 to the general office before Friday 8th February.
- Purchase the appropriate booklisted items.

Thankyou,

Mrs Linda Flynn
Assistant Principal
Expectations of students/ Behaviour Contract:

- Students must adhere to the school welfare and discipline policy.
- Students must be in full school uniform when at school and when attending the Ballarat Learning Exchange on Fridays.
- Students will behave in an appropriate and respectful manner at all times.
- Students will attend all of the sessions punctually and responsibly.
- Students must be aware that the College’s attendance policy will continue to apply and will be implemented when necessary.
- If students are going to be absent, they must notify the appropriate person i.e. Mount Clear College or the Ballarat Learning Exchange on Mondays.
- Students must understand that they are representing Mount Clear College when they are working out in the community and therefore must conduct themselves in a suitable manner.
- Students are expected to arrange their own transportation to and from the BLX on Fridays.
- Students are to bring their own lunch or they may purchase their lunch each Friday, from one of the lunch providers in the local vicinity of the BLX. Parents should be aware that if students intend to purchase their lunch, they will need to leave the BLX site and consequently may not be supervised at lunchtime. Students will need to ensure that they return to the BLX on time for the next session.

Student Agreement.
Please return this form signed to Mrs Flynn.

I _________________________(student’s name) understand the above expectations and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I do not do so then I may be withdrawn from the program.

Students signature: ____________________________

Parents signature: _____________________________

Date: ___________________
Return Slip
Please return to the front office before Friday 8th February 2008.

I hereby enclose $90.00 being for the Year 9 REAL Program.

Name of Student: ________________________________

Parent/Guardians signature: _________________________________

Date: __________________________