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## Important Dates for Term 4 2011

October		
24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monday – Friday	Yr 8 Tasmania Camp
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Last Day of Yr 12 Classes – Morning Tea
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Yr 12 Day Out
November		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	VCE Units 3 / 4 Exams Begin
7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday – Friday	Yr 7 – 11 Exams Week
10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Second Hand Book Sale from 3.30pm B Block
11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Booklist Pick Up between 2pm – 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Commencement Program Begins – Whole School
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Yr 12 Second Hand Book Sale in IMC at Lunchtime

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 4!

I am absolutely delighted to be back as Principal of Kambrya College. And it is fantastic to see that all our staff are very well prepared to ensure that we have a bright and productive start to the final school term for 2011. This is, in no small measure, a reflection of the excellent work done in my absence by Acting Principal, Nalini Naidu. Nalini was strongly supported by Assistant Principals Joanne Wastle, Fiona Foreman and Acting Assistant Principal Kylie Williams. I am sure the school community will join me in thanking the Principal Team of Term 3 for their sterling efforts.

#### **Commencement:**

We planned for a very big Term 4 – here is a brief overview:

- Weeks 1 to 4 – normal 2011 classes
- Week 5 (7 – 11 November) Exam week for Year 7 to 11
- Week 6 (14 November) New School Year – Commencement begins

All students currently in Years 10 – 11 will have a three week Commencement program where 2012 studies begin. All students currently in Years 7 to 9 will have a five and a half week Commencement program. Of course it is compulsory for all students to attend and participate in the Commencement Program.

All the best educational research suggests that “time on task” is one of the best strategies for improvement in student learning. Our aim is to improve the life chances of each student and ensure that every student leaves our College with the qualifications they require to participate in a productive and rewarding manner in this wonderful country of ours.

Best wishes to all for a successful Term 4.

**Michael Muscat**  
**Principal**

# Term Dates 2012

TERM 1	1 <sup>ST</sup> FEB – TEACHERS RESUME <b>2<sup>ND</sup> FEB – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b> <b>STUDENTS RESUME</b>
TERM 2	16 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 29 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE
TERM 3	16 <sup>TH</sup> JULY – 21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER
TERM 4	8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

## Second Hand Book Sales

The second hand book sale will be on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011** from 3.30pm day in B Block.

If books are purchased from the second hand books sales, book lists can be amended on collection at no further charge.

There will be a **separate book sale held by the current year 12 students** on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November during lunch time in the IMAC**. This will give the current year 11 students an opportunity to purchase text books at reduced prices. Contact Leanne Wilson in the Later Years office on 97077625 for further details.

## Book Collection

Books can be collected from the college on **Friday 11 November 2011** between **2pm and 7pm** in B Block Rooms B1 & B2.

## **KAMBRYA'S 10 Year ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Planning is soon to begin for the celebrations to mark the tenth anniversary of the opening of Kambrya College back in 2002. The College Council has established a sub committee to seek input from all sections of the school community and co ordinate the program of events for the celebration. It will be a celebration of achievement, past and present and we will seek to include a range of festive activities that have a strong student focus. These events will take place in May 2012. Stay tuned to the future editions of the Parent Newsletter to find out how you can contribute ideas and help prepare for this very special occasion.

Michael Muscat

## HEALTH & PE News

### **Annual Induction and Awards Gala Dinner 2011**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, four Year 12 students, Sarah Bell, Adam Silva, Annaleise Varga and myself, had the opportunity to attend the Sport Australia Hall Of Fame black tie event. This opportunity was offered to us by the Berwick Rotary Club who not only sponsored us to attend, but kindly drove us to the Crown Palladium. The night offered an opportunity to gain an insightful look into our country's greatest sporting accomplishments and traditions. We saw Australia's top athletes get inducted into the Sporting Hall Of Fame and witness Cathy Freeman reach 'legend's status', amongst big names like Bart Cummings, Rod Laver and the one and the only Sir Donald Bradman.

But the most exciting part of the night, especially for me, was when we got to meet and chat with the sporting legends- an opportunity that I will never forget. All four of us got to meet famous stars, including-but not limited to- Kevin Sheedy, Layne Beachley, Kostya Tszzy and even political figures like Tony Abbott and Tim Mathieson. Tony Abbott does have big ears! All in all the night was a chance to gaze into the sporting world of the 'best of the best' and recognise the importance of such an event. I can say on behalf of all four Year 12 students that the event was an amazing and exhilarating night that we won't forget any time soon. But this is all thanks to the Berwick Rotary Club to whom we extend our deepest thanks and gratitude for such an amazing opportunity.

By Matt Hall



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### Reminder

**Scholarships** – Year 12 scholarship applications through VTAC close on Friday 21 Oct. See VTAC website - [www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.html).

**CHANGE OF PREFERENCE TIME** – Year 12 students are reminded that you can change your VTAC course preferences **until 28 Oct**, as long as you first applied by 30 Sept. You can also change your preferences from **28 Nov to Wed 21 Dec**. VCE results will be available on **Friday 16 Dec**, so you have time to change your preferences after receiving your ATAR. There is no need to change your preferences if you are happy with them; it is usually ill-advised to make major changes in career direction at that stage, even if your ATAR is quite different from what you expected.

### WHERE CAN I GET HELP AT CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) TIME?

Universities and TAFE Institutes will have staff available till Wed 21 December. They have provided the following information about assistance on offer (you are advised to check websites for more information):

- **Australian Catholic Uni:** Call 1300 ASK ACU; Information sessions planned for Mon 19 Dec, 11am-7pm at Ballarat and Melbourne campuses; see ACU website for details
- **Box Hill Institute:** COP information session, 4-7.30pm, Mon 19 Dec at Nelson Campus; course info: call 1300 BOX HILL or Joanna on 9286 9464, or Andrea on 9286 9553
- **Charles Sturt Uni:** Call 1800 334 733
- **Chisholm TAFE:** Call 1300 CHISHOLM
- **Deakin Uni:** Call 1300 DEGREE; COP events at Doncaster, Wyndham, Geelong, Melbourne (Burwood), Hobsons Bay and Warrnambool; go to [www.deakin.edu.au/cop](http://www.deakin.edu.au/cop) to register to attend. Deakin (Melbourne) Info Day is 11am-2pm, Sun 18 Dec, and Info Evening is 6-8pm, Mon 19 Dec, both Theatre 13 (Building HC) ; chat online with Deakin staff 7-8.30pm, Mon 19 and Tues 20 Dec, register at [www.deakinlive.com.au](http://www.deakinlive.com.au)
- **East Gippsland TAFE:** Call 1300 133 717
- **Holmesglen Institute:** Call 1300 693 888
- **Kangan TAFE:** Call 13 TAFE

- **La Trobe Uni:** Info sessions 10am-3pm, Sat 17 Dec, Melbourne City Expo (front of State Library of Victoria); 11am - 2pm, Mon 19 Dec at Melbourne, Bendigo, Shepparton, Albury-Wodonga and Mildura campuses; COP Hotline: 1300 135 045, 16-22 December; see [www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer)
- **Monash Uni:** Call 1800 MONASH; COP Expo: 10am - 1pm, Sat 17 Dec, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Road; [www.monash.edu/monash2012](http://www.monash.edu/monash2012); flyers in Careers Room
- **NMIT:** Call 9269 1200
- **RMIT Uni & TAFE:** Call 1800 11 RMIT (8.30am-5.30pm weekdays, 10am-3pm @ weekend); Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne including 10am-3pm @ weekend; COP Expo – RMIT Storey Hall, 330 Swanston St, 11am-3pm, Mon 19 Dec; [www.rmit.edu.au/cop](http://www.rmit.edu.au/cop)
- **Swinburne UNI & TAFE:** Call 1300 ASK SWIN; Course adviser appointments and information sessions from 17-20 Dec; **register:** [www.swinburne.edu.au/2012](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/2012); Info session 3-7pm, Tues 20 Dec, Hawthorn and Lilydale
- **University of Ballarat:** Call 1800 811 711; COP Information Day is Monday 19 December at Mount Helen campus
- **University of Melbourne:** Course Information Day, 10am-3pm, Mon 19 Dec (free sausage sizzle); Register online and win a prize ([www.cop.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au)); COP Hotline; 1800 801 662 (toll free) ; Uni Info Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, weekdays 8am-6pm plus 10am-4pm, Sat 17 and Sun 18 Dec. Brochures available in careers room
- **Victoria University & TAFE:** Call COP hotline, 16-21 December on 1300 VIC UNI; Info Sessions, 19 & 20 Dec; drop-in at City Flinders St campus, 11am-4pm, 17 & 18 Dec
- **William Angliss Institute:** Call 9606 2111

### CADETSHIPS IN TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

- TDT – completion of Year 12 is the only requirement. You will be employed in the transport and logistics industry and be released from work to attend TAFE and complete Cert IV and the Diploma of Logistics in two years. **Info:** Chris McKenzie, ph 9326 7211, [chris@tdtvictoria.org.au](mailto:chris@tdtvictoria.org.au); [www.tdtvictoria.org.au/cadetship](http://www.tdtvictoria.org.au/cadetship).
- VTA - is launching a cadetship program, again completed over two years; **Info:** 9646 8590, [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au).

**NMIT CAREERS NIGHT** – NMIT has a careers night at Preston campus during the Super

Thursday Open Day on 20 October. Talk with industry professionals and find out exactly what is involved in your chosen careers. Info: Cody Moore, 9269 1251 or [codymoore@nmit.vic.edu.au](mailto:codymoore@nmit.vic.edu.au).

**VCE EXAM REVISION AT SWINBURNE** – Students studying IT are invited to attend exam preparation sessions. You will be taken through key topics for each exam, including examples of previous exam questions and tips to help with them. **When:** 5.30-7pm, Wed 19 Oct, IT Applications; **Where:** Hawthorn; 5.30-7pm, Thurs 20 Oct, Software Development; **Cost:** Free; **Details and registration:** [www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/schools](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/schools).

**DEAKIN UNI AND THE GAP YEAR** – Deakin's Gap Year Program enables students to stay connected with Deakin while they are on their gap year. Gap year students can defer studies for up to two years, gain credit for learning that occurred during the gap year, undertake a transitional unit before returning to full-time study, attend Deakin events and lectures, connect with other Deakin students, access Deakin's libraries and career counselling services and join Deakin Uni students Association. **Info:** [www.deakin.edu.au/gapyear](http://www.deakin.edu.au/gapyear).

#### **WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE EVENTS**

- **Christmas baking** – Create some Christmas favourites! Begin with a contemporary fruitcake, then gingerbread, shortbread and truffles. **When:** 9am-5pm, Wed 7 Dec; **Cost:** \$85; **Lunch:** Angliss Bistro;
- **Christmas Gingerbread Tree** – Create and decorate a Christmas tree made from gingerbread and sweets. **When:** 9am-5pm, Thurs 8 Dec; **Cost:** \$55; **Lunch:** Angliss Bistro

Bookings for both: Daniela, 9606 2389, [danielad@angliss.edu.au](mailto:danielad@angliss.edu.au) (only 12 places in each); William Angliss Institute is located at 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne.

**WHY STUDY JOURNALISM?** Social media and the internet have revolutionised the quantities of information generated and shared

around the world – but have also heightened the demand for high quality information. Journalism and professional communication courses offer many career opportunities, from reporting roles with traditional media, to production roles in new media, to public relations and communication roles in organisations across the community. La Trobe University's journalism courses, for example, offer a grounding in the past and current roles of media as well as the practical aspects of content development, with a strong emphasis on industry experience. Each program offers opportunities for internships and work placements. Journalism is offered at many institutions such as RMIT, Deakin, Swinburne, VU and Monash universities. In addition, several TAFE Institutes offer a Diploma in Professional writing and editing.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY** – Year 12 international students can have 20 minute interviews with university staff till 20 Dec. **Where:** Information Centre, Gate 3. Swanston St, Parkville; **Book:** <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/4eo>

**UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA RELOCATION SCHOLARSHIPS** – The Law Faculty is offering \$5,000 scholarships to eligible interstate students who choose to study law at UTAS commencing in Semester 1, 2012. You must achieve an ATAR of 90 or above. **Info:** Faculty of Law, [Kira.White@utas.edu.au](mailto:Kira.White@utas.edu.au), [www.utas.edu.au/law](http://www.utas.edu.au/law), ph (03) 6226 7510. The scholarship is designed to encourage interstate students to study law at UTAS by assisting with the costs of moving to Tasmania. No separate application form required – awarded to eligible students who accept an offer and enrol to study law.

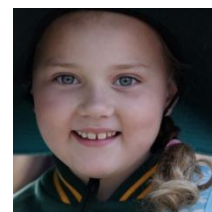
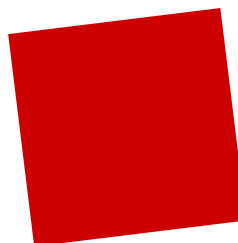
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Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

## Financial Assistance Parent Information



### Financial assistance for parents/guardians with children commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012

#### Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The parent portion is often used for uniforms and excursions, while the school portion may be used for expenses such as textbooks, stationery and special programs. You can elect to have the parent portion of the EMA paid into your nominated bank account or receive a cheque.

In 2012, the total annual amount is **\$235** for primary students and **\$470** for secondary students – these amounts are split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

#### School Start Bonus:

The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting Prep or Year 7 at a government or non-government school.

If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, and you have a child starting Prep or Year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off **\$300** payment.

The School Start Bonus will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into your nominated bank account in late January 2012.

The School Start Bonus is separate, and additional to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA/School Start Bonus.

**Closing Date:** Parents/guardians with prep or year 7 children commencing in 2012 need to lodge an EMA/School Start Bonus form **before 15 December, 2011**. For late enrolments, applications will be accepted up until 29 February 2012. For more information about the School Start Bonus and the EMA, visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/)

#### Education Tax Refund:

The Education Tax Refund is a Commonwealth Government tax refund to help with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children. Eligible parents, carers, legal guardians and independent students can be reimbursed for half the cost of items such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery.

For more information about the Education Tax Refund, visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/)