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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Commencement Program has been progressing extremely well and attendance rates continue to be very high. We have one more important week to go and I encourage all parents to continue to support the program and ensure that students attend each day on time.

Activities Program

On Monday 2 December, the End of Year Activities Program begins. Large numbers of students from year 8 – 10 have signed up and paid to take part in a wide variety of enjoyable activities. These range from trips to Luna Park, the Melbourne Aquarium and Amaze'n'Things to ice skating and swimming. What a great note for our students to finish the year off on!

Federal School Funding

It is important for all parents to be aware of recent changes being mooted by the Federal government to the Better Schools Funding Program. Earlier this year, the Federal and State governments sign a significant agreement to introduce a more equitable model of school funding based on needs. This funding would begin to be rolled out in 2014.

Kambrya College was promised extra funding to increase funding to run quality intervention programs for students with low levels of literacy and numeracy, enrichment programs for high achievers and more support for students with English as a second language. This funding now appears to be in doubt and these programs have been put on hold. I believe that every Australian child should be provided with a well-resourced world class education that "Maximises the Potential of Each Student". Anything less is unacceptable.

Asia Literacy

Asia is the key to our future. Our nearest neighbours and greatest trading partners are Asian. So it is essential that our students are educated to be "Asia Literate". This means they need to have a base of knowledge and understanding about the history, geography, languages, culture and economy of our nearest neighbours. This knowledge will enable our students to engage productively and competently in the economy of the 21st Century.

For these reasons, Kambrya College was proud to host an Asia Literacy seminar for about 60 educators from across the state last Tuesday.

Introducing Compass

To best serve our community and improve our communication with students and parents, the College has chosen to engage a new system; *Compass*. This system promises to change the way that our College generates and exchanges information, and presents exciting possibilities for the future.

The first phase of this new system enables you to access your child's attendance history and to approve absences. This feature is now activated and can be accessed via the internet at any time. To gain access to your secure *Compass account*, please go to <http://kambryacollege.vic.jdlf.com.au> Consult the attached user manual should you require further instruction.

In the near future, the College will be providing you with access to a suite of other *Compass* features, including your child's learning tasks, lesson plans, work submission records, behavioural records, excursion approvals, fee schedules and payments, academic reports, and much more. Likewise, students will also be able to remotely access their own learning tasks, lesson plans etc. These features will be phased in over the next 12-18 months. We will communicate each of these upgrades in writing, and will provide an instruction manual for each component as it becomes available. Tutorials/ demonstrations will also be available for parents at parent/teacher conference evenings.

Please also note that this year your child's reports will be available in PDF format via your *Compass account*. No hard copy reports will be mailed.

We are very excited by this new phase in the College's history, and we hope that you will actively engage to explore the possibilities of this new system. Please consult the *Frequently Asked Questions* on the reverse of this letter for further information, or should you require any technical assistance with your *Compass account*, please contact Mr Chris Outhred or Mr Pawan Kumar at the College on 97077600 or email at Compass.support@kambryacollege.com.

Michael Muscat
Principal

Calendar

December	
6th	Last day of Commencement Program
9th—19th	End of Year Activities Program Year 7—9
10th	Orientation Day—year 7 2014 students
16th—18th	Leadership Camp—Forest Edge
18th	Presentation Evening
19th	Last day of Term 4
January 2014	
29th	First day of Term 1
February	
12th—14th	Year 12 Camp
25th	Whole School Swimming Carnival

Public Notices



Would \$500 assist with your child's school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition.

You may be eligible if you:

- have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are 18 or over and
- have some paid income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Karmen Dayal, your local Saver Plus Worker:
03 5941 9155 / 0459 190 144 or
kdayal@bsl.org.au

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**BERWICK SPRINGS JFC
REGISTRATION DAY
2014 SEASON**



SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2013
10 am – 12 pm

ALL AGES WELCOME - U8 to U17
(including girls U9 to U13 & Youth Girls 13-18)

The Pavilion, Glasscocks Rd, Narre Warren South

For registration information, please contact the Club Secretary via berwickspringsjfc@gmail.com