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Important Dates for Term 4 2012

November		
16 th	Friday	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
December		
11 th	Tuesday	Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day
13 th – 18 th	Thursday – Tuesday	Year 7 – 9 End of Year Activities Program
19 th	Wednesday	Presentation Award Evening
20 th	Thursday	Last Day of Term 4

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

It is an amazing time at Kambrya College! All students have now completed their studies for the 2012 school year. Last week, the whole school participated in the Final Examinations schedule. The Year 12 VCE examinations are proceeding smoothly and we continue to offer a few silent prayers and wish them well! During spare moments in between exams, all students have been cleaning out their lockers and sorting out their belongings. Mums and dads have been working their way through the booklists to ensure their child/ren are fully prepared for the Commencement Program. To celebrate the end of a successful year and gruelling examination program, students at Years 7 to 9 participated in the "Carnival" down at the Casey Indoor Centre. Once again, it was a fantastic day and many thanks to its chief organiser, Lisa Stevens.

Last Friday our new Year 12 cohort, the class of 2013, had an enjoyable and productive orientation day out at Monash University Berwick. It is hard to fathom that these students, most of who started at Kambrya College in 2008, are now our senior students! They are ready for a torrid, challenging and I have rewarding year ahead. We will all be working very hard for them and of course we wish them well.

On Monday 12 November, students were not required to attend school in order to provide our extraordinarily hard working teachers to assess their students' examination papers and write reports. On Tuesday of this week Commencement began and you could feel the renewed energy across the College. Students were in full uniform and very well prepared to kick off the new academic year. We remind all students and parents that attendance is compulsory for the entire period of Commencement.

Congratulations to our students, parents and teachers on so effectively navigating through this very demanding period to ensure we provide the best learning opportunities for all our students.

AEU Bans Continue

As you are aware, the Australian Education Union is continuing to negotiate with the Victorian Government for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. Progress has been slow. As part of this process, the AEU has instituted a number of bans which interested parents can learn more about on the AEU website. However, I do wish to alert parents to one ban in particular and that is the ban on comments and numerical data on Semester Reports for all

students. Union members, the majority of staff, will only indicate the VELs standard achieved for each subject or 'satisfactory' or 'unsatisfactory' in senior reports. While this is regrettable that this action needs to be taken, it is very much a part of the process that teachers lawfully utilise to ensure the profession is appropriately remunerated for their critically important work.

Michael Muscat
Principal

LIBRARY News

Students in year 12 are reminded to return all library books before they finish for the year. If books are required for study for exams, please come and see one of the library staff.

VCE BOOKLIST 2013

Parents of students in VCE - please note that on the booklist for 2013 Physical Education 1&2 and 3&4, Biology 1&2 and 3&4, Information Technology 3&4 and Chemistry 3&4 are "New Editions for 2013". They are essentially exactly the same as the 2012 books the only difference is that with the new editions students can access a copy of the book online and not with a CD as in previous editions.

We are advising parents of this so you will be able to purchase 2012 second hand books from students in year 11 and 12, or sell copies of these books and not be concerned that they are not the correct book.

Please note that Maths, English, Legal Studies and Systems Engineering 1-4 (that have "New Edition for 2013") do have changes and so cannot be purchased second hand.

LANGUAGES News

Visit from our first German exchange student.

In September Johanna Thorwest and her mum Petra came to visit Kambrya College. Johanna was very proud of her time at Kambrya-

Johanna was our first German exchange student from Berlin, Germany. She joined the school when we went up to Year Ten and she quickly got to know most of the students. She was an exchange student for twelve months.

"They were at tight knit group and very friendly", Johanna said, as she showed her mum around the school grounds.

Johanna was showing her mum the school grounds and they said hello to Michael Muscat as well as other teachers who still knew her. My time at Kambrya really influenced my life, Johanna told me as she smiled and waved Auf Wiedersehen.

Mrs Irene Creasey



ENGLISH News

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new Heads of the English Domain for the 2013 academic year. Leia Hands is the Head of English for Years 7-9 and I, Poly Tzimourtas, am the Head of English for Years 10-12. Roz Muscat remains the head of Literacy. We would like to thank Roz Muscat and Rebecca Willink for heading the English Domain throughout the 2012 academic year.

Students have finished their final English examinations for the 2012 academic year. They are about to embark on their Commencement programs as we head into the 2013 academic year beginning on November 13th.

Students in Year 8 will be conducting research into the origins and development of the English language for their first Unit. This will culminate in them creating a hypertext. Students in Year 9 will begin with NAPLAN preparation, focusing on reading strategies, writing well and writing

persuasively. Year 10 students will delve into the context of relationships and create their own written pieces based on the ideas that they study and develop. Year 11 students of English will begin by looking at the ways in which language is used to persuade and will complete an analysis SAC as part of their first Unit. Students in Year 12 English will undertake preparatory tasks towards their first SAC based on Area of Study 3: Using Language to Persuade, in the form of an oral presentation. We look forward to the Year 7s beginning their journey with us when school resumes after the long break.

We look forward to a rigorously academic Commencement program where students share in deep learning.

SPECIAL EVENT News

THE SPORT AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME ANNUAL INDUCTION AND AWARDS DINNER

The following students represented Kambrya College on Thursday 11th October at the Crown Palladium Ballroom: Scott Simpson, Dean McCort, Taylah Campbell and Mel Hunter.



LATER YEARS News

Year 12 Exam Timetable

* computer based

Monday 19 November	9:00 am - 10:45 am Environmental Science Exam 2 Systems Engineering	11:45 am - 2:00 pm Chinese FL German Greek Japanese SL Religion & Society	3:00 pm- 5:15 pm Spanish Media
Tuesday 20 November	9:00 am - 10:45 am VET: Music (Technical Production)	11:45 am – 2:00 pm Global Politics	3:00 pm -5:15 pm French

MATHS News

If you are studying any of the following subjects in 2013:

- Year 10 Advanced Mathematics
- Year 11 General Mathematics
- Year 11 Mathematical Methods (CAS)
- Year 12 Further Mathematics
- Year 12 Mathematical Methods (CAS)
- Year 12 Specialist Mathematics

You will need to purchase a **TI-Nspire CX CAS** calculator for your studies. This is the **only** calculator your teacher will support in their classes from next year, following a successful introduction to Year 11 this year.

We have been able to secure a great deal on these calculators through Haines Education. For just \$185 you will receive the calculator plus a protective pouch, delivered to the school for the beginning of Commencement.

TO ORDER YOUR CALCULATOR:

Haines Calculator Instructions 6 easy steps

- 1 → Go to www.haines.com.au
- 2 → Click on Calculator Portal Icon (left side of homepage)
- 3 → Enter School Code : kamac
- 4 → Add desired calculator to shopping cart
Complete checkout details. Remember to tick 'collect'
(Add school name when prompted)
- 5 → Print a copy of your confirmation receipt when prompted
- 6 → Collect your calculator from school

When you place your order, please ensure you use the **Student's Name** as the calculators will be delivered to students during the first week of commencement classes.

Although stocks are not limited on this price, I urge you to order early as this will assist in alleviating other financial pressures around November/December this year.

For further information please contact Mr. Cam Denham at the college.

PUBLIC NOTICES

KAMBRYANS IN THE KITCHEN

This year, we are celebrating ten years of Kambrya College. In commemoration of this special anniversary, we are producing a **recipe book** called "KAMBRYANS IN THE KITCHEN". It will include favourite tried-and-tested dishes of staff, parents and students. It will have an attractive coloured cover and include 118 recipes from savoury to sweet dishes with coloured photos. If you are interested in ordering a copy (price will be between \$10-20), please contact Kambrya College, or leave a message at the front office. We are trying to work out how many copies we need to print!

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