

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2016 school year. It is with great pride that we opened our doors to 1218 students at the start of the year. Our increased enrolment signifies a growing recognition of the outstanding achievements of the school and its students. Similarly, our sustained strategic focus on improvement has once again been realised through strong VCE results. With a median study score of 29 we have much to celebrate. Parallel to this our VCAL program provided a solid basis for both further studies and employment for all senior participants.

Our renewed focus on engendering pride in the school is clearly evident with the implementation of the new school uniform. The staged implementation sees all year 7 students wearing the new uniform, whilst all other students can wear any aspect of the new or old uniform over the course of 2016. Please note however that all students, regardless of their formal requirement to opt in to the new uniform, must adhere to the following requirements at all times:

- Full black sturdy shoes when wearing the formal uniform
- Sturdy runners (any colour) when wearing the sport uniform
- Grey socks when wearing either the taupe or grey shorts
- Navy socks when wearing the dress
- White or navy sport socks when wearing the sport uniform

We are mindful that there have been issues relating to the limited supply of some uniform items. This has been addressed with Noone Imagewear and we have been advised that they are working towards rectifying these concerns as a matter of priority. We appreciate your ongoing patience in this matter.

Over the coming weeks I will outline our key priorities for the year, overarching all of which will be increased communication with parents and guardians. Firstly we have asked our teachers to use Compass to communicate essential activities and work requirements for all lessons. Similarly, we encourage you to use Compass as a means of accessing this information, obtaining copies of your child's reports and details of attendance and upcoming events and activities. All parents should have received an email outlining details of how to log onto Compass. In the event that you have not received this information please contact the front office as a matter of priority. On a similar note, you will receive the 'Weekly News' via email each week outlining important dates, essential information and a message from the Principal. This will also be posted on the college website.

Mr Michael Muscat is currently on leave; during this time, I look forward to working with you in my capacity as Acting Principal.

Warm Regards,

Jo Wastle
Acting Principal

Key Dates

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th February
Year 12 Study Camp – Lord Somers

Thursday 3rd March
Swimming Carnival

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Saturday 19th March
Working Bee

Wednesday 23rd March
Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday 24th March
Cross Country Run
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 11th April
First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 19th April
Athletics Carnival

Friday 22nd April
Student FREE day
Staff Professional Learning Day

Monday 25th April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Essential Information

School Council elections are upon us. If you are interested in contributing to the governance of the school, please carefully consider the following information. Please note that nominations close on 15th February 2016.

Schedule 4 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Kambrya College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 15/2/2016.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 02/03/2016.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016	3
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



..... Principal