



Dear Parents/Guardians

Our students and teachers have made an excellent transition into the 2016 school year. Special tribute to our teachers who have stepped into the Commencement Program with energy and zest. Congratulations to our students on navigating the pressures of the examination program. These trials and periods of duress will no doubt help to build resilience and competence within our students. I urge all parents/guardians to ensure that students maintain full attendance for the next 3 weeks of the Commencement Program and complete all set work during this time. It is extremely difficult to achieve academic success in the new school year without adopting a rigorous approach to school work at this present time.

Young Leaders to China

We currently have 20 students participating this in China. The students departed on Wednesday 4th November and will spend 6 weeks in various locations. Our intrepid travellers spend one week in Shanghai, one week in Xianju/ three weeks in Taizhou (our sister schools in Zhejiang Province) followed by one week in Beijing. Whilst seeing the sights and being immersed in various cultural experiences, our students will also participate in an intensive Chinese language program daily. Best wishes to our international representatives including teachers Ramona Lazar and Daniel Vancea.

Year 6 to 7 Transition

A busy schedule of events for our new year 7 students is about to unfold. We are delighted to see our year 7 numbers increase from 155 in 2015 to 270 in 2016! Great efforts have been made through the course of the year to promote our College. Many

Key Dates

2015

Friday 13th November
Valedictory Dinner

Friday 4th December
Last day of Commencement

Monday 7th – Tuesday 15th December
End of Year Activities Program for year
7 – 9 students

Tuesday 15th December
Presentation Evening
Students and parents please arrive at
6.15pm to be seated
Evening will commence at **7pm**

2016

Wednesday 27th January
Office Reopens

Thursday 28th January
Students return to school

Thursday 4th February
Student Photos

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

thanks to Joanne Wastle for leading these efforts that have had great traction within our community. The weekly school tours held every Friday have been extremely successful. The tours take about 90 minutes to complete and have been very well patronised each week. As a result of all this work, student numbers in the college will increase from 1015 in 2015 to around 1165 in 2016!

Upcoming Transition Events:

- Year 6 BBQ: – Wednesday 18th November at 4:00pm

All parents are invited to attend this informal gathering with teachers. It will provide all with an opportunity to get to know one another. A light BBQ and drinks will be provided.

RSVP at: <http://www.trybooking.com/JKFW>

- Year 6 Parent Transition Interviews: Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November

All parents have been offered a formal interview with the appropriate Sub School Leaders to provide an additional opportunity to get to know the new students. Strengths, areas in need of improvement, special needs and any other important information about the child can be discussed. These interviews greatly assist in building positive relationships between the school and home and have been very well patronised in the past.

- Year 6 Pre Orientation Day: Wednesday 2nd December 9:15am – 12:30pm

On this day all new year 6 enrolments are invited to the college for a half day of fun activities. Students remain in their Primary School groups to allow them to become familiar with the college with all their friends from their own school. Almost every new enrolment attended this fantastic day last year. RSVP at: <http://www.trybooking.com/JKFZ>

- Year 6 Orientation Day (Compulsory): Tuesday 8th December 9:00am – 3:00pm

On this day students are organised into their new home groups and experience a number of classes with their 2016 teachers. Many enjoyable experiences are incorporated into this day. A BBQ lunch is provided for all students.

Michael Muscat
Principal

IPDS Charity Fundraiser for Youth Homeless

On 15 October the three IPDS classes completed their final outcome for the year by conducting a charity fundraiser at Kambrya College. We worked with the SRC and were able to raise over \$2000 for youth homeless in the area. The IPDS students worked in class for two weeks planning and working on strategies to raise funds.

Students made the decision to have a school wide fund raiser. Then the three classes reviewed all the different charities in the area and decided on the Salvation Army Homeless Project. Students worked in teams and planned on different games and items they could sell. On the day the weather was a nice 31 degrees and the sun was out. The students set up their tables to be ready for the lunchtime crowd. The student's arranged for the school band to play and also a DJ was available. There was pizza, chicken nuggets, chocolate balls, lollies, popcorn spiders, hard rock, icy poles, soda pong, milkshakes, ice cream, honey joys, cupcakes, and many other things such as a car wash for staff. One stand which had the most crowd participation was the throwing a pie or sponge at teachers.

