

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2017 school year at Kambrya College! We have enjoyed a busy start to the year. We have 324 new students in Year 7, each of whom are learning to find their way around the campus. We have also welcomed a number of other new students across Years 8-12, bringing the total number of enrolments to 1371. Additionally, we have welcomed 20 new staff to the College.

The holiday season provided an opportunity for us to do some much-needed work around the school. You may have noticed that we have commenced work on the front entrance to the school. This is largely to complete repairs to the entrance stairs and add a much-needed handrail. Over the course of the term we will be repurposing the front garden space to provide an area for the many primary school students from Brentwood Park who like to wait for their parents or siblings within our grounds. During this time we appreciate your patience as the works progress. We have also added an additional meeting space to the administration area and are in the process of constructing a second new space for the same purpose.

There are a number of important points in this edition of the Weekly News. Please see below for details. In the event that you have questions about any aspect of the school, we encourage you to give us a call or drop in so that we can assist you.

Kind Regards
Joanne Wastle
Principal

Personal Insurance

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

- parents or guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs; and
- parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Key Dates

2017

Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th February
Year 12 Camp

Monday 13th February
Year 7 Immunisations

Monday 20th February
Student photos - catch up

Friday 3rd March
Student FREE Day

Tuesday 7th March
Whole School Swimming Carnival

Monday 13th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 21st March
Year 6 into Year 7
Transition Evening No 1

Saturday 25th March
Working Bee

Wednesday 29th March
Parent Teacher Conferences
Student FREE day

Friday 31st March
Cross Country Year 7 - 10
Last Day of Term 1
2.30pm Dismissal

Year 7 vaccinations in 2017

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/guardians of year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The City of Casey immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 8 February 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Casey immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Kambrya College Student Dress Code

Kambrya College's uniform is supplied by Noone Image Wear who carries a list detailing all aspects of the uniform requirements. The College Council asks that you support the College uniform policy from the time your child leaves home to their return.

The uniform is designed to develop a sense of belonging. We expect our students will wear the uniform with pride, and that it will be neat and tidy at all times. In particular the following points should be noted and are part of the Uniform Policy as published on the College webpage:

- Dress length must be appropriate for a school/professional environment
- The only acceptable jewellery is:
 - a watch and one piece of jewellery (either a ring, bracelet, necklace, anklet, sport band or religious symbol) to be worn respectfully and discretely (at the discretion of the Principal or their representative: e.g. Pendants must be worn below the collar line of the uniform. Jewellery may be required to be removed for OHS reasons
- One sleeper or stud in each ear
- Only one clear facial stud no bigger than two millimetres (2mm) in diameter permitted; there is to be only one visible entry point and no visible exit point to the piercing
- No spikes are permitted
- Any spacer/gauge earrings must be plugged and have a diameter no greater than one centimetre (1cm)
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- No visible body art or tattoos
- Facial hair is permitted provided that it is well groomed
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Facial cosmetics may be worn discretely and should not be noticeable (no false eyelashes, no excessive mascara, no heavy eyeliner, no coloured eye shadows and no bright lipstick)
- Only clear or French style nail polish can be worn
- Kambrya College encourages all students to wear the college approved head cover
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct
- Parents/Guardians seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal

The Kambrya College backpack is the only bag recommended for students.

Seniors Uniform:

Addition to the current uniform has been introduced for year 12 Students only. This addition has been introduced to complement the current uniform and to distinguish the Senior Students.

- Personalised School Council approved senior jacket (optional)

Terms 1 and 4 – Summer uniform:

It is recommended that the school cap be worn outside during recess/lunch and PE/sport classes.

Kambrya College Grey shorts worn with:

- Short sleeved white shirt with Kambrya College logo or
- Short sleeved white shirt without logo
- Grey socks
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)

Kambrya College Grey long trousers worn with:

- Short sleeved white shirt with Kambrya College logo or
- Short sleeved white shirt without logo
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)

Kambrya College Summer dress worn with:

- Navy socks and/or navy tights
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)
- The summer dress MUST be worn on the knee

Kambrya College Winter skirt worn with:

- Short sleeved white shirt with Kambrya College logo or
- Short sleeved white shirt without logo
- Navy socks and/or navy tights
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)
- The Winter skirt MUST be worn below the knee

Optional items

- Kambrya College blazer
- Kambrya College jumper
- Kambrya College soft shell jacket (please see note above)
- Students are encouraged to wear the Kambrya College sport cap outdoors

Terms 2 and 3 – Winter Uniform:

Kambrya College Grey shorts worn with:

- Kambrya College jumper
- Short or long sleeved white shirt with or without logo
- Kambrya College tie
- Grey socks
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)

Kambrya College Grey long trousers worn with:

- Kambrya College jumper
- Short or long sleeved white shirt with our without logo
- Kambrya College tie
- Dark socks (navy, black or grey) only
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)

Kambrya College Summer dress worn with:

- Kambrya College jumper
- Navy socks and/or navy tights
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)
- The summer dress MUST be worn on the knee

Kambrya College Winter skirt worn with:

- Kambrya College jumper
- Short or long sleeved white shirt with or without logo
- Kambrya College tie
- Navy socks and/or navy tights
- Full black sturdy shoes (no identifying logo on shoe)
- The Winter skirt MUST be worn below the knee

Optional items

- Kambrya College blazer
- Kambrya College soft shell jacket (see note above)
- Navy scarf

VET Students (On Site):

Students enrolled in onsite VET programs are required to adhere to any OHS requirements specific to the VET program. This may require students to wear designated uniform items as specified in the program materials list.

Kambrya College students are required to adhere to the all hair/makeup and jewelry restrictions as detailed in the Dress Code and Kambrya College Uniform Policy.