

Dear Parents and Guardians

As the weeks fly by and the school settles into its routine for the year, we continue to focus on our strategic priorities. The Independent Reading Program is being fully implemented across years 7-9 and we are already seeing an increased level of interest in reading with these students. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about the importance of developing good reading habits.

Review and evaluation of all of our programs is constantly occurring. Our VCAL Program is being looked at through fresh eyes with the view of tightening up on the Structured Work placement component for students. We are currently asking that any parents who are interested in hosting a work placement for a student (on a Wednesday or a Friday), or who may know someone who is interested in doing this, to contact the school. There are great benefits to both the employer and the student.

We prioritise the safety of our students at Kambrya College and as such are concerned about the number of reports from crossing supervisors about our students crossing against the lights at the intersection of Clyde and Centre Roads. There have also been reports of groups of students running across Clyde Road between busy traffic. There is of course potential for a student to be hit by a car when they make these choices. I urge all parents to talk to their children about road safety; often we just assume that our children are doing the right thing. This also extends to wearing helmets when riding bikes. On the note of safety, we recognise that there are a number of parents who double park when they drop off or pick up their child on Bemersyde Drive. Please note that there is real potential for an accident when this happens; not to mention that it's also illegal.

Warm Regards,

Jo Wastle
Acting Principal

Key Dates

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 16th March
Year 7 Immunisations - Round 1

Thursday 17th March
Year 7 2017 Information Night

Saturday 19th March
Working Bee

Wednesday 23rd March
Student FREE day
Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday 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

Wednesday 27th April
Year 7 2017 Information Night - Repeat

Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th May
NAPLAN

Saturday 14th May
SEAL exam

Essential Information

We have a working bee on Saturday 19th March from 8:00am-12:00pm. We are looking forward to catching up with our parent community at this important event. Please bring along hand tools such as shovels, rakes etc. Any time that you can offer us would be greatly appreciated.

Parent teacher conferences will soon be upon us. March 23rd will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in important conversations with the teachers about their child's progress. Further information will be made available within the next week.

Please note that this year we are running two identical 2017 Year 7 Information sessions for parents and students. We are doing this to ensure that any parent who is thinking enrolling their child in Kambrya College in 2017 has the opportunity to attend at least one of these events. Please note the dates 17th March and 27th April.