

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the term draws to a close we have been hit by a wave of influenza over the last couple of weeks. This has necessitated a number of students and staff taking time away from school to ensure that they don't spread the illness. We appreciate that this has been challenging for both the school and some families and would like to thank you for your consideration in this matter. Any student who has a medical certificate to explain an absence should present it to their sub school leader or the front office. We are aware that a number of Year 12 students were affected. On this note we wish the Year 12 students well this week as they undertake their practice exams. Undertaking the exams provides an important opportunity for the students to prepare for their final exams which commence early next term.

This week sees our Year 8 students travelling to Tasmania to explore the Apple Isle. This provides a wonderful opportunity to share the experience with their peers, as well as their teachers. We also farewelled our intrepid Year 10 travelers to Central Australia this weekend. This is one of the highlights of their time at Kambrya College and there is no doubt that they will marvel in the glory of the Red Centre. Highlights will include Coper Pedy, Kings Canyon, Uluru and Kata Tjuta; and who can forget the non-stop bus trip home! For the first time ever the school made the decision to honor the wishes of the indigenous people and commit to not climb Uluru. Students will instead explore the rock from the base, providing a different but no less thrilling experience. Late last week we farewelled a group of students and staff on their trip to Germany. By all accounts they have arrived safely and are well settled in their homestays. The group will spend a week at the sister school before heading off to Berlin and then home. Similarly the annual trip to Japan departed on the weekend. The group will spend time with one of our sister schools in Osaka. They will also travel to the ancient cities of Kyoto and Nara before the final leg of the trip takes them to Hiroshima. As you can see, it's a busy time of year for the staff and students at Kambrya College.

I would like to remind all parents and students that term 4 signals the return of the Summer uniform. Please also remember that from the beginning of 2018 all students except the 2018 Year 12s will be required to adopt the full new school uniform. If you have any questions or concerns about this please don't hesitate to contact the school directly. I would also like to inform you all that the school will not be providing stationary packs for students at Commencement this year. This decision has been made in consultation

Key Dates 2017

Monday 18th September
Year 12 Trial Examinations

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd September
Year 8 Tasmania Camp

Friday 22nd September
Last Day of Term 3 - 2.30 dismissal

Monday 9th October
First Day of Term 4

Friday 13th October
School Tour 11.30am

Thursday 19th October
Evening of Excellence

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with staff and our parent group. It also take into account the feedback that we have had from parents since the introduction of this approach two years ago. Consequently, stationary items have been reintroduced on the booklist and parents will be responsible for purchasing stationary either through the booklist or from other retailers. I wish you all well for the upcoming two week break and look forward to touching base again next term.

Kind Regards

**Jo Wastle
Principal**