

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you may know we have a thriving international program at Kambrya College. One of the most exciting aspects of the program is the opportunity for students to visit one of our sister schools in Germany, China or Japan. Similarly, we also host students from these countries each year who visit us on a reciprocal basis. We will be looking for interested families to host students from Japan in 2017.

Next year we will be offering trips to both Japan and Germany. There is also a likelihood that we may be able to offer a trip to China, however this is yet to be confirmed. With this in mind I invite parents to discuss these opportunities with their children. The trips to both Germany and Japan will run from the 16th – 28th September (the last week of term 3 and the first week of the September school holiday period). Please note that in 2017 the Year 10 trip to Central Australia will also be running at this time. The cost of the international trips covers all travel, accommodation, homestay fees, activities and the majority of meals. Please note that spending money is not included in the cost of trip and students should anticipate an additional cost of approximately \$100 to cover incidentals such as snacks, drinks and some meals. Itineraries will be made available to all parents before the end of the school year. Costs are as follows:

- Japan \$3700
- Germany \$3800

Any parent who is interested in their child participating in either the trip to Japan or Germany is invited to contact the school directly on 9707 7600 and leave their name and contact details before the end of the year. I will then return your call to discuss the trip in more detail. We will be asking for a deposit of \$1000 by February 6th 2017 (Monday) and the remaining costs will be paid according to a payment schedule. The trip will need to be paid for in full no later than 21st July 2017 (Friday).

We look forward to this opportunity for our students.

On a different note, as part of a new social skills program we are developing at Kambrya College, we are seeking donations of any unwanted **Legos, Duplo and picture story books** that you no longer have a use for. It is possibly the time of year when many of you are looking to clear out a bit of room for the upcoming Christmas period, so if you have any of these items you would like to put to good use we would very much appreciate the donation of these goods. Students can bring any items you wish to donate to the school Wellbeing office or the Administration office. We thank you for your support in this endeavor.

Kind Regards  
Joanne Wastle  
Principal

## Key Dates

Monday 5th - Friday 16th December  
End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9  
students

Thursday 15th December  
Presentation Evening

2017

Monday 30th January  
Staff Return, Office reopens

Tuesday 31st January  
First day of Term 1 2017,  
students return

Thursday 2nd February  
Student photos

## **NEED A BIT OF HELP COVERING THE COST OF BOOKS, UNIFORMS AND CAMPS?**

*You may be eligible for The Casey No Interest Loan Scheme which is managed by Casey North Community Information and Support Service located in Narre Warren.*

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) is committed to providing a safe, fair and affordable credit option for the purchase of essential household items, education expenses and other essential items where other financial assistance is unavailable or inaccessible.

Eligible education expenses include books, uniforms, school camps and even tablets and laptops. NILS is a good option for families on a low income who might really be struggling to pay for school expenses. The loan is repaid over the whole year thus spreading the financial burden into manageable payments.

To be eligible for this loan all that is required is that you:

- Live on a low income/have a health care card
- Have lived at your current address for at least three months
- Are able to demonstrate an ability to repay the loan

Should you wish to apply for the loan or simply find out more information please feel free to contact Casey North Community Information and Support Service on 9705 6699, or via email: [nils@caseynorthciss.com.au](mailto:nils@caseynorthciss.com.au).

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