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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back! There is much cause for celebration with the return of our second cultural trip to China, where nine students enjoyed not only seeing the sights of Shanghai and Beijing, but most importantly flourished in the company of their Chinese host families while visiting our sister school in Xianju. Nalini Naidu and I met with the principals of both Anzhou Middle School and Taizhou No. 1 High School, where we further strengthened our bond with the schools through formalising agreements for short term teacher exchange at the end of the year. We are looking forward to hosting a significant number of students and teachers from our sister schools in Japan, China, Germany and our new found friends in South Africa at the beginning of term 3. Needless to say, we are busily looking for approximately 45 families to host these students. We ask that any families that are interested in supporting these visits to contact the front office. The ongoing success of these programs is reliant upon such support from our community.

The commencement of term 2 has been a busy one, with staff and students getting straight back into the academic side of their work. Parallel to this, we have been preparing for some important whole school events, namely the Athletics Carnival and Year 6 Transition information evening. Additionally we were fortunate to host Bill Rogers, world renowned child positive behaviour expert. He spent time in some of our classes, providing strategies to build on our existing strong approach to positive behaviour management with our students.

A contingent of 18 students proudly represented Kambrya College on Friday at the Berwick RSL Anzac March. It was a memorable event, with thousands of locals on hand to witness the ceremony, all of whom were treated to a fly over by the Royal Australian Air Force Roulettes.

A whole school assembly on Tuesday provided opportunity for us to set the tone to this important time of the year. Exams for years 8-12 are rapidly approaching, as is NAPLAN testing for year 7 and 9 students. Parents are asked to support their children through this time by encouraging them to revise well in advance of these important assessments.

Can I also please ask all parents to remind their children to be cautious crossing the road, and to obey all instructions from school crossing supervisors.

Joanne Wastle
Acting Principal

NEWSLETTER NO 7

MAY 2 2014

May	
13th—15th	NAPLAN for Year 7 and 9 students
16th	Professional Development Day— STUDENT FREE DAY
June	
2nd—5th	Whole School—Exams program
6th	Report Writing Day—STUDENT FREE DAY



Would you like to provide a cultural experience, whilst at the same time enrich your family life?



Kambrya College

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**LONG TERM HOMESTAY
ACCOMMODATION WANTED**

Kambrya College's International Student Program is growing and we have a need for caring families to provide suitable Long Term "Homestay" accommodation for international students between 15-18 years.

Payment rate \$250.00 per week.

If you are interested, please ring our International Student Coordinator, Sue Kirkham on 9707 7600 or email kirkham.susan.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

for further information.

Admin News



23rd April 2014

Dear parents,

After careful consideration, the College has determined that it is necessary to cancel the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences that were scheduled for Wednesday 7th May.

Whilst we place a high value on the importance of face to face communication with parents, it is also essential that we maximise the amount of face to face teaching a learning time that we have with our students. This is particularly important with the examination period scheduled from 2-5th June. The beginning of this term has been impacted by two public holidays, and there are several other interruptions to the normal teaching and learning program in the first few weeks (eg Athletics Day).

As always, if you would like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to contact any of your child's teachers at any time. Teachers can be contacted either by phone or email. It is highly recommended that all parents check their child's progress on Compass. If you have not yet logged on to Compass and require your login details, please contact the College's IT support team at compass.support@kambryacollege.com.

The Parent Teacher Conferences planned for Wednesday 27th August will proceed as scheduled.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Wastle
Acting Principal

Maximising the potential of each student

Integrity
Respect
Compassion
Achievement

Compass News



Emailing teachers via the Compass Parent Portal

One of the main reasons for Kambrya College introducing Compass School Manager was to make two-way communication between the school and home easier. On Compass, the school will communicate with you via direct emails, chronicle posts and end of semester reports. The easiest way for you to communicate with us is via a direct email which you can send to any of your child's teachers.

<p>Hover your mouse over the blue <i>Actions for...</i> button. A menu will appear.</p> <p>Click on <i>Send Student's teachers an email</i>.</p>	
<p>At the top of the screen you will see a green box with your current email address. If this email address is incorrect please follow the instructions to change it.</p>	
<p>All of your child's teachers will be listed with a checkbox next to their name. Tick the teachers you wish to email.</p> <p>If you wish to email other staff, for example the appropriate sub school leader, start to type their name in to box and select it from the drop down box.</p>	
<p>You can enter a subject to your email, and then the main text. There are basic text editing tools available.</p> <p>You are unable to add attachments to emails sent through Compass.</p>	
<p>Click <i>Send Email</i> on the bottom of the screen.</p> <p>The email will be sent to the staff identified at the top of the screen. It will appear to come from your email address, so any reply will be sent there.</p>	

Next week I will introduce you to your child's schedule, which includes information about their normal timetabled classes and also special events such as assemblies, excursions and instrumental music classes.

If you have any questions about how to use Compass or any of the information which is contained on your child's profile page, please email our Compass Support team (compass.support@kambryacollege.com). If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it via the Compass home page, accessible via a link on the College website.

Cam Denham
College Systems and eLearning Coordinator

ANZAC Day News

On Anzac Day, 25th of April 2014, a large crowd congregated in the grounds outside the Narre Warren Council Offices in the dark and bitter cold of the early morning, waiting to show their respect and pay tribute to those who put their lives on the line...

The Dawn Service began at the fresh hour of 6 a.m. on Anzac Day where a huge crowd gathered to show their respect for the armed forces personnel who have given their lives and for those who are still serving. The air was crisp and cold and it was still dark, but it was a worthwhile and tiny sacrifice in comparison to the ANZAC legend that we have all come to know. In cities and towns



throughout Australia, ceremonies like this are a permanent reminder that our ANZACs thought this wonderful country of ours was well worth fighting and dying for.

After the Dawn Service, a breakfast function was held for surviving veterans who have fought in various conflicts, their families and the general public.

During the breakfast I felt privileged and truly grateful for the wonderful opportunity to recite my poem titled 'Silk Rain Symphony' that I wrote in honour of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and way of life. My poem reflected on how every soldier is still human; they still have emotions, and may not have wanted to fight. It was not only a fantastic opportunity for me to showcase my writing and poetry, but a very special and significant occasion for me to acknowledge and show my respects for the troops in a different kind of way.

Adrian Harper-Gomm 12M

Immunisation & Admin News

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2014

Next round of Immunisations will be as follows:

Wednesday 23rd May 2014

Year 7: 2nd Gardasil
 Year 9: 2nd Gardasil (Boys only)
 Year 10: Boostrix

If you have any queries, please contact Sharon our College Nurse on 9707 7613 or Casey Environment Health Unit on 9705 5515.

Exiting Students

Please be advised that any student exiting from school (intending to leave) must complete formal exit paperwork. Parents are invited to seek further information from Ms Shirley Bell in the front office.

ANZAC Day News (Continued)

SILK RAIN SYMPHONY

Written by Adrian Harper-Gomm

Death upon the hill,
 There is no movement, the soldiers dead and still,
 Limp in the dirt and detriment of the war,
 The survivors left to wonder, if there is anything worth fighting for,
 But they are ordered to continue, to fight for the greater cause,
 So with their heads bowed, they trudge on taking a
 moment's pause,
 Then they never look back and soon the dead are
 forgotten in the depths of time,
 Their spirits are lifted with a song and chime,
 And they march onto the enemy, to the great rolling skies,
 That squirms with the souls, with the innocent cries,
 Their boots ploughing through the dust and bane,
 Their bodies numb from the cold and the pain,
 One drops to his knees, begging "water please"?
 But there is none; as the bullets start flying and soldiers begin to freeze,
 The soldier's exhaustion meets their faces; they do not want to fight,
 They are human, they are individual but they are alike,
 They do not want the pain, or the sadness or death,
 So they pray to god with one last breath,
 And in return, like a miracle saviour,
 The heaven's open up and grant them their favour,
 The drops fall in curtains and wrap around their faces,
 And as they hit, the soldiers pause, stuck in their places,
 Then a moment later, the music falls upon their ears,
 Each song unique, vanquishing their fears,
 Inside their heads, they laugh and cheer and scream,
 As the music fills their hearts and the silky rain washes them clean,
 Then the rain ceases and they celebrate not in vain,
 For there are no more bullets, no enemies nor pain,
 The battlefield is empty but every soldier could see,
 The burdened souls in the sky, singing their silk rain symphony.



Adrian Harper-Gomm will read out his poem to honour diggers at the Narra Warren Anzac Day Dawn Service.
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China Cultural Visit News

It was around 7:30 PM on the 29th of March when a group of nine students, two Assistant Principals and one parent arrived a little tired but very excited at China's Pudong International Airport, in Shanghai. After a gruelling ten hour plane flight, we were all anxious to get some real sleep, but the excitement of being in a strange new land kept us all awake long enough to navigate our way through the airport, train stations and crowded Shanghai streets. Once through this maze of unimaginably unfamiliar and exciting sights, we arrived at what was to be our home for the next four days: The Blue Mountain Youth Hostel. Our Chinese adventure had well and truly begun!



The next three days in Shanghai were packed full with unforgettable experiences. During this time the Kambrya group experienced all of the very best that one of the world's largest cities has to offer. We haggled and fought our way through exotic old and new markets, took part in a fascinating tea ceremony in Shanghai's old quarter, marvelled at Shanghai's awe-inspiring skyline from the hundredth floor of the Shanghai World Financial Centre and strolled along Shanghai's iconic Bund waterfront, which runs along the west shore of the Huangpu River, forming the eastern boundary of old downtown Shanghai.

Following our whirlwind tour of Shanghai, it was time for the highlight of the trip: the homestay in Xianju with our host families. This was a very special occasion for all of us, with some of us visiting old friends from the Chinese Cultural Exchange visit back in August last year, and others who were about to make whole new friends.

The town of Xianju is about four hours away from Shanghai on the bullet train, and the ride offers great scenic views of the Chinese country side. It also gives you time to steel your nerves for the arrival at the host school. As the bus pulled up outside the school gates of Anzhou Middle School, we were



unexpectedly greeted by a cheering throng of excited Chinese students, and our host students and their families were waving cards with our names on them that they had especially made for us. But this was just the beginning! Over the next few days at school, anytime one of the Kambrya students went anywhere, we



were escorted by a screaming trail of Anzhou Middle School students! It was very overwhelming, but we all enjoyed it nevertheless.

Our time at Anzhou Middle School was made as enjoyable and exciting as it could possibly be by our warm and exceptionally hospitable Chinese hosts, with both the teachers and students making us feel extremely welcome. We experienced many traditional Chinese cultural customs whilst at the school, including Kung Fu, making Dumplings, and trying our hand at traditional Chinese painting.

The homestay was also an unmissable experience. All of the Kambrya students got to experience first-hand the Chinese lifestyle, sample a wide range of authentic

Chinese cuisine, and meet our host brothers' and sisters' families. All of us made some wonderful friends that we will never forget.

China Cultural Visit News (Continued)

After our time spent with our host families, we caught a short domestic flight to Beijing, where we would spend the remainder of the trip shopping and seeing some of China's most famous sights, not the least of which was the Great Wall of China! We lodged in a comfortable hostel called the Kings Joy, not far from the world famous Tiananmen Square, and close to Beijing's bustling street markets. In Beijing our knowledgeable tour guide, Jeff, expertly led us through China's most enduring landmarks and sights, as well as giving us an in-depth insight into the history and stories behind each location.



Among the world famous places we visited were Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China, the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven. We also had a rare and interesting look at Beijing's Hutongs, the ancient and traditional areas of this wonderful ancient city.

Now, a few weeks on, the memories of the trip are still strong in my mind, and I have already emailed some of my new Chinese friends. I wouldn't hesitate in highly recommending this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to other students!

Whether you've been thinking about travelling or even if this is something completely new, I would urge you to give it a go!

Matthew Harper-Gomm G10A



Food and Technology News

On the 3rd April the Year 12 Food and Technology students attended the Top Designs Exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. This experience allowed them to see a showcase of exemplary samples of the School Assessed Task from 2013. By viewing these portfolio's, students have been able to see what standard of work they will need to produce in order to be successful in completing their own School Assessed Task. This is the major assessment item in the Food and Technology Study Design and students have already begun developing design briefs and criteria for evaluation, as well as conducting research into possible food items that they will produce later in the year. Students will work on this task until the end of Term 3.



English News

Term 2 English at Kambrya College, 2014

Students have settled into Term 2 English across the year levels at Kambrya College.

Year 7 students are studying a new unit called 'Dust Echoes'. This is a collection of twelve ancient Dreamtime stories that have been uniquely interpreted by contemporary animators. Students will be analysing their interpretations of each story, whilst appreciating the visual and auditory components of such vivid, digital texts. Parents can easily access and view these resources at www.abc.net.au/dustechoes. Most importantly, students will come to understand that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are strong, rich and diverse.

Our Year 8 cohort is exploring how written and verbal language can be used to persuade an audience. Persuasive techniques are being revised through quizzes and participation in debates. Students will present a formal, persuasive speech to their peers as their main form of assessment. This is where students have the opportunity to demonstrate their capacity to research, record and reference information on a topical issue and then to shine, by strongly justifying their position. Students are challenged to present memorable, persuasive speeches that incorporate facts as well as emotive appeals and to use visual aids effectively.

Year 9 finished last term with a visit from several refugees to strengthen their understanding of Anh Do's memoir, *The Happiest Refugee*. The visitors outlined their experiences of refugee camps and how living in Australia is different, but very positive, from their respective countries of birth. Students are now working towards solidifying their skills in reading strategically and writing accurately. They are also revising their persuasive writing skills and practising their narrative writing skills. Students will complete a mid-year exam at the end of the term, as well.



Seda Be and Wahida Patel presented to the year 9 students about their experiences as refugees coming to Australia.

Our Year 10 students have begun work on the Shakespeare comedy 'Much Ado about Nothing' for their text response unit this term. This play is set in Messina on the island of Sicily and is considered one of Shakespeare's finest and most important plays because whilst providing comedic entertainment, it explores themes such as honesty and the consequences of deception.

Year 11 students are delving into the context of 'Identity and Belonging' and will be drawing on ideas from the collected stories 'Growing up Asian in Australia' as well as other texts to create their own written pieces. They will be choosing to write in one of three forms: expository, persuasive or imaginative or they may choose to write across forms in a hybrid piece. Students will also provide a written explanation, detailing their authorial choices. 'Growing up Asian in Australia' was published in 2008. This collection features a variety of texts from such writers as former Lord Mayor John So, chef and restaurateur Kylie Kwong, comedian and actor Anh Do and fashion designer Jenny Kee and is compiled by the award-winning writer Alice Pung.

Our Year 12s are currently working on their context unit also. This context is 'Encountering Conflict' and the set text from which to draw their ideas is Bruce Beresford's film, 'Paradise Road'. This film from 1997 is based on a true story about a group of English, American, Dutch and Australian women who were imprisoned by the Japanese in Sumatra, an island in Western Indonesia, during World War II. It stars Glenn Close and Cate Blanchett amongst many others and is a testament to the profound and varied effects that conflict can create. Students will use this set text as well as other texts to respond to a prompt about conflict, as with year 11 with a choice of forms and with a written explanation, detailing their authorial choices.

Careers News

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Reminders

- **'At Monash' seminars** - Architecture 29 April; Interior Architecture 30 April; Psychology 1 May; Medicine and Biomedical Science 6 May; Law 7 May; Health Science and Social Work 13 May; Education and Nursing 20 May. More dates and bookings: www.monash.edu/seminars.
- **Explore Deakin University** – Parent and student tertiary information nights: Melbourne Burwood: 6-8pm, Wed 21 May; Geelong Waterfront: 6-8pm, Wed 28 May; See: www.deakin.edu.au/parent-and-student.
- **Indigenous Student Experience Monash Day** Get a taste of university life - Fri 2 May; kristel.keleher@monash.edu. Ph 9905 8699; www.monash.edu.au/study/life/indigenous
- **UMAT** – Registrations close: 6 June; UMAT test date: 30 July 2014.

1. **VCE AND CAREERS EXPO** - 'The Age' VCE and Careers Expo is Victoria's largest education and careers fair. Universities, TAFEs, private providers, and many others will have representatives there. Get your questions answered, collect information, and be informed. **When:** 9am-3pm, Thurs 8 & Fri 9 May; 10am-4pm, Sat 10 & Sun 11 May; **Where:** Caulfield Racecourse; **Cost:** \$10 (family consession); www.vceandcareers.com.au
2. **CHECK OUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE** – If you would like to find out more about Melbourne degrees, you may wish to attend a **'Focus on Melbourne'** seminar. Explore your options, meet staff and students, and hear about courses and careers.
 - 27 May – Focus on Commerce
 - 28 May – Focus on Environments
 - 3 June – Focus on Science
 - 4 June – Focus on Agriculture
 - 10 June – Focus on Law
 - 11 June – Focus on Engineering and IT
 - 18 June – Focus on the Conservatorium of Music
 - 25 June – Focus on the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA)
 More information and bookings: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events2014
3. **PHARMACY AT MONASH UNIVERSITY**
As of 2015, the **Bachelor of Pharmacy** degree will be re-titled to **Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)** and the **Bachelor of Pharmacy**



(Scholars) will be re-titled to **Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) (Scholars)**. All students considering the

Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2015 should be aware that the **Supplementary Information form** will no longer be required when applying for the course through VTAC. In addition, the **Bachelor of Pharmacy/Commerce** double degree has been discontinued.

4. **DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE A CAREER IN MEDICINE?** Deakin University is holding an **Information Evening** at the



Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus (where Deakin offers their post-graduate medicine degree). Delivered by the School of Medicine, you will learn about the courses and pathways available in

medicine and optometry at Deakin. **When:** 6-7.30pm, Tues 20 May. Details to follow. (**NOTE:** Medicine is also offered in Victoria by Monash University (undergraduate and post-graduate degrees) and the University of Melbourne (post-graduate degree).

5. **WHAT IS SPEECH PATHOLOGY?** Speech pathologists (or therapists) **diagnose and treat people with communication disorders** (eg speech, voice) and people with **problems swallowing or eating**. They may work with people who have a cleft palate, delayed speech, stuttering or brain damage, and work with other health professionals. A number of universities in Victoria offer degrees in speech pathology. **Australian Catholic Uni**, **La Trobe Uni** and **Charles Sturt Uni** at Albury-Wodonga (a NSW university) all offer 4-year degrees. Speech pathology can also be studied at **the University of Melbourne** where students first complete a 3-year undergraduate degree followed by a 2-year Masters in Speech Pathology. The **Clearly-in ATAR** last year for **ACU** was 85.20, **La Trobe** (Bundoora) 90.15 (Bendigo) 83.10, and **Charles Sturt** 75.00. **Note:** last year's ATAR is only a **guide** – students are sometimes offered a place with a lower ATAR because they did well in certain subjects (receiving a **Subject Bonus**), or because they had a **Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)** application due to some disadvantage experienced in their education. ATARs move up and down according to factors like the number of applicants for a course, the applicant's ATARs, and the number of places available.

Careers News (Continued)

6. INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN IT, GAMES OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS?

Box Hill Institute has an Information Night where you can learn about courses leading to careers in IT, Games or Telecommunications. You can also meet teachers and check out facilities. **When:** 6-8pm. Mon 2 June; **Where:** Room N1, G 32/33, Nelson Campus, cnr Nelson/Whitehorse Roads; **Info/bookings:** Ph 9286 9830, ict@boxhill.edu.au.

7. BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY SEMINARS

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University (Parkville campus) is offering support to current Unit 3 & 4 Biology and Chemistry students. Seminars are designed to reinforce key learnings, delivered by qualified VCE teachers. **Dates:** **Biology** - 5.30-7pm, 4 June, 27 Aug and 8 Nov (one already been held); **Chemistry:** 4.30-6pm, 11 June, 3 Sept and 15 Oct (one already held). **Where:** Monash University (Parkville), 381 Royal Parade, Parkville; **Cost:** Free; **Register:** www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events/vce-seminars.html; **Info:** Tom Day, phone 9903 9594, tom.day@monash.edu.

8. CAREER DISCOVERY IN FASHION AND TEXTILES

– To assist you in selecting the most appropriate fashion program, RMIT Fashion and Textiles is conducting a Career Discovery in Fashion and Textiles program. It will cover trends in the industry, courses available, and practical activities. Career options in fashion and textiles are diverse

and multi-faceted and RMIT's School of Fashion is acutely aware of the skills and knowledge required by graduates to participate and positively contribute in today's competitive marketplace. Educational programs and pathways servicing this industry and the skills and knowledge they provide are specifically varied in content and focus. **Who:** Year 11 and 12 students; **When:** 9.30am-4.30pm, 1-3 July, 2014 (three days); **Cost:** \$350; **Enrol:** Contact RMIT Training on 9925 8111.

9. PARENT AND STUDENT TERTIARY INFORMATION NIGHT

– Deakin University is offering an evening where you can start to plan your VCE, university and career. Find out about courses, VTAC applications, prerequisites, costs, scholarships and pathways to university. **When:** Burwood campus – 6-8pm, Wed 21 May; Geelong Waterfront campus – 6-8pm, Wed 28 May.

10. A YEAR WITH THE DEFENCE FORCES –



If you would like to earn good money, make new friends, and get great training, the Army is currently recruiting for roles with only a 12-months commitment. After a year you can choose to stay in the Army or use your training elsewhere. To find out more go to a **One Year Roles** Information Session. **When:** 5.30 (arrival time) for 6pm start (7pm finish), Wed 7 May; **Where:** Level 14, Reception area, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne; **RSVP (essential) to:** CPTVIC@dfr.com.au.

11. BACHELOR OF LAWS AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

– Taught in the former Births, Deaths and Marriages building, a small campus in Queens Street, Melbourne, VU's approach to learning combines theory with practice. VU's partnerships with the courts and community legal services give students a unique exposure to the real experiences of the justice system. These opportunities challenge students through practical experiences for a rewarding career in law that could range from working for government, the community or in private enterprise. Information: www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-laws-blaw.



12. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS TEST (ISAT)

– ISAT is a three-hour test comprised of multiple-choice questions and used by Australian universities to assist their selection of international students for some undergraduate and postgraduate courses. The ISAT measures general academic abilities considered important for coping with the intellectual demands of most tertiary courses; it also assesses critical reasoning and quantitative reasoning. ISAT is required for a number of Australian degrees such as **Medicine at Monash University**, and for the Universities of **Tasmania, Western Sydney, Western Australia, Queensland and of NSW**, for **Veterinary Science** at the University of **Sydney**, and for **Dentistry** at the Universities of **Queensland and Western Australia**. ISAT is delivered by Prometric, and there are over 5000 Authorised Prometric Testing Centres around the world, with tests available between April and February. You can select a test date at one of these centres convenient to your location. **Info:** <http://isat.acer.edu.au>, email isat@acer.edu.au.

