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NEWSLETTER NO 17

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Stop Press
Excellent VCE and VCAL Results for 2013!!

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on achieving our very best ever VCE/VCAL results!

The College has had continuous growth over the past five years, and in 2013 it has improved its median study score to 30. The College was also pleased with the improved percentage of students who achieved ATAR results above 50, with a jump from 59% in 2010 to around 80% this year. For Senior VCAL, 51 of the 52 students who were enrolled satisfactorily qualified for their certificate. I am ecstatic with the continuous improvement that the College has made. We are very proud of all of our students for their results, and I am most grateful to our VCE and VCAL teachers for their amazing dedication in achieving these results. They have consolidated the excellent work of all the teachers who have built the students up from Year 7 through to Year 12.

VCE DUX: Alina Derkach with an ATAR of 99.35. Alina has been an outstanding student since her arrival at the College. She migrated from Ukraine at the start of 2012, and has become a popular student amongst her peers, renowned for her academic rigour and commitment. Alina intends to apply for Bio-Medicine at Melbourne University.

VCAL DUX: Mitchell Pierce – Mitchell has been awarded the VCAL DUX award for 2013 due to his consistent achievements in all aspects of the VCAL program. He demonstrated great leadership and work ethic, and he was an exemplary role model for his peers as a Year 12 prefect. Mitchell is hoping to gain a traineeship in health and fitness with an AFL club in the near future.

A terrific day was run for our new Year 7 students on orientation day earlier this week. We are delighted with the many new students that will be joining us in 2014 at Year 7 and across the College. Among them will be eight new International students of which seven are from China and one from Germany.

The Activities Program is now in full swing and it is great to see the high level of participation in the great activities that have been organised. Many thanks to Melinda Jolly for her excellent work in organising this expansive program.

The 2013 school year is now all but over and we can once again feel a great sense of pride and satisfaction that it has been a positive year of achievement. Student achievement data continues to be strong across the College and I am very grateful to our teachers and school leaders for their enormous efforts in generating further improvement in this critically important area.

There have been so many highlights during the year – The Arts "Evening of Excellence", the exceptional 2013 Year Book and the fabulous Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Run carnivals. We also had the amazing growth in the number of students participating in intercultural visits to China, Japan and Germany and the fantastic Camping Program to Somers, Forest Edge, Tasmania and Central Australia and the enormously beneficial Year 9 City Program.

I know that you share my strong sense of excitement and enthusiasm for the future of our College. The 2014 year offers students new school based VET programs in Auto, Plumbing and Hair and Beauty as well as clearly defined Pre VCE and Pre VCAL pathways for year 10 students. We will also work to introduce a SEAL Program for 2015. And there will be so much more!

I would like thank our parents for their fabulous support of our College through the year. We are conscious of the fact that many parents work long hours and sometimes find themselves in a tight financial situation, yet the support for our College continues.

Many thanks to everyone! May I wish all in our College community a very Merry Christmas, a relaxing summer holiday and a happy 2014.

Michael Muscat
Principal

Semester 2 Reports

Dear Parents,

End of Semester 2 reports for all students in Years 7 to 11 in 2013 will be available via Compass from 5.00pm on Friday afternoon. Details have previously been provided to all parents on how to access Compass including your individual username and password. Should your have not received this information, please contact the College Office on (03) 9707 7600 or (03) 9707 7628.

The College Office will close at 3.30pm on Thursday 19th December, and will reopen on Friday 24th January at 9.00am.

Regards
Joanne Wastle
Assistant Principal

Public Notices

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

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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.

Dec	
18th	Presentation Evening
19th	Last day of Term 4
Jan 2014	
29th	Students commence

Would $500 assist with your child's school costs?

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You may be eligible if you:

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AdminNews

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.

Public Notices

VICTORIA POLICE

The school holidays are fast approaching and the extended break over the Christmas period is an exciting and eagerly awaited time for all schools.

As exciting as it is, it is also a time when some young people engage in behaviour that not only impacts on themselves in a negative way but also the community as a whole.

Some of the issues over this period include:

- Theft offences at shopping centres (Shoplifting)
- Property damage offences around schools and other community locations
- Assaults at teenage parties that are often alcohol/drug related

The consequences of this type of criminal behaviour can involve a young person being arrested by police, interviewed and potentially ending up in the Children's Court. The resulting police/criminal record comes with long term disadvantage as future employment and even travel overseas may be affected.

Christmas also brings safety concerns for young people with some becoming victims of road trauma. Something as simple as wearing a helmet while riding a bike not only ensures you will not be fined by police ($180) but also goes along way to minimising injury if you are involved in a collision.

Casey Youth Resource Officers - 59910612

TOORADIN-DALMORE
NETBALL CLUB
2014 Junior Selections
Thurs 30th January - Registration & 1st session
Tues 4th February - 2nd session
Thurs 6th February - 3rd session
13 & under (from 4.30pm),15 & under (from 5pm),17 & under (from 5.30pm)
Come along to selections, meet the coaches and register your interest in playing for TDNC on a Saturday in 2014! Please wear dark pants/shorts and a white t-shirt.
2014 Junior Fees - Club Fees $90 + Netball Victoria $45
Senior Pre Season
Senior pre-season training starts 7pm Thursday 30th January. Selections to be determined.
2014 Senior Fees - Club Fees $185 + Netball Victoria $65
Any questions please contact:
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