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# Newsletter No. 01

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~ Quote of the Week ~

Goals are the fuel in the furnace of achievement. - Brian Tracy, *Eat that Frog*

## Principals Message

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2009 school year! I am very pleased to report to all parents that we have made a very smooth start to the year. Kambrya College has grown once again to have around 1565 students and 146 members of staff. This makes our college one of the largest single campus schools in Victoria and indeed one of the largest organisations in Berwick. May I thank Mr John Shaw, Ms Joanne Wastle, Mrs Nalini Naidu (Principal Team), Ms Jane Herbert (Leading Teacher) and Mrs Barbara Douglass (Business Manager) for coming in for many hours during the vacation period to ensure the students get off to a great start.

### **New Staff**

I am also delighted to report that we have recruited fifteen new teachers and three support staff to the college:

Ms Lisa Stevens - PE/Maths  
Mr Peter Wallis - Outdoor Ed/Humanities  
Mr Kenneth Chan - Japanese/Art  
Mr Brett Robinson - PE/Generalist  
Mrs Yolanda Zhu - Maths  
Mr Brett Wilson - PE/Science  
Mr Cam Denham - Maths Science  
Ms Roz Bishop - Music  
Mrs Aranka Dalglish - Business/Humanities

Mrs Ravinder Khubbar - Science  
Ms Rebecca Manuel - English  
Mr David Ciavarella - PE/English  
Mrs Julie Guinane - Integration Aid  
Mrs Julie Faull - Food Tech Assistant  
Ms Miriam Ekladios - Humanities  
Ms Michelle Pezzimenti - Japanese  
Mr Chris Outhred - Technician

We are very impressed by the high quality of our new appointments and believe that they will make a first rate contribution to our College. It is also good to welcome back a number of teachers who have returned to Kambrya College in 2009. Welcome back Mrs Ania Siwicki, Mrs Irene Creasey, Mrs Tanya Pinnock, Mrs Hannah Denny and Mrs Gee Mickalik.

### **Staff Induction**

Between Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January and Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January all staff participated in our Induction Program. This program was made up of:

- Principals Welcome setting the scene for 2009/Professional Development Activities
- Learning Domain Meetings
- Sub School Meetings
- Mentor Team Meetings
- A range of planning sessions for Special Programs
- Personal planning time and much more

All staff used the time very productively in order to be fully prepared for the New Year.

Best Wishes for 2009!

**Michael Muscat**  
Principal

## CIS and IBO

During the Induction Period, Mr Ray Davis from the **Council of International Schools** visited the college in order to undertake the final steps in the accreditation process. Mr Davis was very complimentary in his remarks about the progress Kambrya College had made in a number of areas since the CIS team visit during March 2008. He was particularly impressed by the work completed in the areas of curriculum documentation, improving our focus on student achievement, professional development, medium to long term financial planning and emergency procedures. The great benefit of taking part in this accreditation process has been in focusing and measuring our schools performance against a 68 international standards in a wide range of areas. It has provided us with a realistic and verifiable perspective on our strengths and on the areas that need improvement. As a result, the college has already implemented a number of strategies. We are looking forward to having some very positive news from the Council of International Schools in the next couple of weeks. All teachers and many students and parents have contributed towards our work in achieving accreditation. I would like to give special acknowledgement to the outstanding contribution made by Mrs Jane Herbert in this area over the past three years.

Also during the induction program, Mr Curtis Beaverford visited the college in order to complete the authorisation process for the **International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP)**. Mr Beaverford spent two full days looking over our curriculum documentation and conducting in depth discussions with a number of members of the principal team, curriculum co-ordinators, students and parents in order to ascertain the Colleges readiness to be authorised to offer the IBMYP program. We are very optimistic! Our curriculum and learning domain leaders have worked very hard to prepare for this visit. Special thanks to Ms Joanne Wastle who has produced a gigantic and sustained effort to pull together the requirements of this program.



## IB MYP Authorisation Visit: Student and Parent Support

The IB MYP Authorisation Visit on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January was supported by a number of students and their parents. We would like to acknowledge the significant contribution that this made to the positive outcome of the visit. The following students and parents participated:

- Ms Sharon Lenehan
- Ms Cheryl Zubcic
- Ms Vikki carter
- Ms Sally Russell
- Mr Richard Dodds
- Ms Leanne Wilson
- Mr Russell Smedley
- Larissa Wood
- Nathan Richardson
- Daniel Waddingham
- Jesse Carter
- Lisa Whitfield
- Rose jansen
- Eliza Dodds
- Lauren Eastick
- Bronte Russell
- Ricky Jones
- Cameron Gibbens
- Daniel Durdin
- Charnapon Smedley
- Tara-Leigh Dowler
- Todd ladner
- Blake Hadrian
- Kelly Lenehan
- Nathan Derfi
- Daisy Spratt
- Rowan Fernand
- Ben Beard
- Dean McCourt
- Tim Byrne
- Craig Durdin
- Josh Lipari
- Melanie Hunter
- Claire Zubcic

## Australian Governments National Secondary Computer Fund

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January, the college was notified that we were successful in our application for Round Two of the National Secondary Computer Fund. This means that Kambrya College will be provided with a grant of just under \$350,000 to purchase 286 computers for student to use. This is wonderful news and greatly increases our capacity to deliver our E Learning curriculum.

## Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

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Meet and Greet meetings with parents will again be held following their overwhelming success in 2008. The purpose of these gatherings is to:

- inform parents about how they can get more involved in their child's education
- the colleges expectations and processes
- give parents and teachers the opportunity to meet and to get to know each other
- enjoy a sausage sizzle together

The Meet and Greet meetings will be organised on a sub school basis and take place at the following times, dates and places:

**Bulen Bulen** - 6:00pm 11<sup>th</sup> of February in the Theatre

**Gwonawa** - 6:00pm 11<sup>th</sup> of February in the IMC Centre

**Warin** - 6:00pm 12<sup>th</sup> of February in the Theatre

**Mirrim** - 6:00pm 12 February in the IMC Centre

**Year 10** - 5:45pm 18<sup>th</sup> February in the Theatre

**Later Years** (Years 11 & 12) - 5:45pm 18<sup>th</sup> February in the IMC Centre.

Please note that a **guest speaker** has been invited to speak to parents following the Year 10 and Later Years meet and greet at 6:30pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

The presenters name is Selina Byrne and she is a consulting psychologist and clinical nutritionist. The session is titled "*Senior Years: Success and Survival - A Wellbeing Toolkit for Parents*". It involves student wellbeing, stress, nutrition, work/life balance. How parents can help get their children through senior years schooling.

For further information visit the web link: <http://www.selinabyrne.com.au/default.htm>

This is an opportunity not to be missed! If you are keen to support your child through the sometimes torrid Later Years -please join us for this special opportunity.

## P.E. News

In support of the College's Sun Smart protocol, all students who are participating in PE/Sport classes during Terms 1 and 4 will be required to wear a broad-brimmed hat or baseball cap.

If your child has purchased either hat from the uniform shop they are entitled to wear this hat during PE/Sport lessons and also during recess and lunch. Hats will not be worn inside classrooms.

If your child does not own a Kambrya College hat or cap, students are permitted to wear an alternate hat or cap for the PE / Sport lesson *only* with a written note from parents. Non-uniform hats will not be allowed to be worn during recess and lunch times.

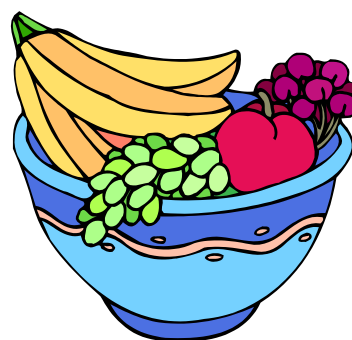
Students that do not bring hats to PE/Sport lessons will not be permitted to participate outside and will participate in theory based lessons either inside a classroom or in the shade. This work may also be completed during lunchtimes and afterschool at the teacher's discretion.

Sunscreen is provided at the Gym office and students are encouraged to use this during PE/Sports lessons.

This is the first step to ensuring a full Sun Smart policy that will begin at the start of 2010 where all students will be required to wear a uniform hat.

## Fruit for Students

The college will now be providing a bowl of fruit for the students to enjoy on Monday and Wednesdays. This fruit will be available from the canteen during recess and lunchtime.



## Wanted

If anyone has any lawn mowers, engines or vehicles that they no longer need, the motor mechanics journey would greatly appreciate any donations. Please contact the office on 9702 6266.

## Humanities News

Every student in years 7 to 10 will be studying Humanities. This includes Geography, History, Commerce and Legal Studies. At years 7 and 8 Humanities is integrated with English.

During Term 1 you should be able to converse with your child regarding the subject matter that he / she is currently studying in Humanities.

Year 7: "Who am I"? Students reflect on who they are as learners and start to discover the path they need to take to be successful learners.

Year 8: "Whose land is it anyway"? Students study the different cultures who make up our Australian community today. They will look at how these different cultures contribute to Australian society. How does an understanding of the differences and similarities between cultures lead to tolerance and understanding?

Year 9: Early Australian history. In particular students investigate the colonisation of early Australia by the first European settlers with a focus on the Gold rush and how the impact of this has affected Australian society today.

Year 10: Students begin the year with a Geography unit which studies the cycle of poverty with relation to African examples.

## Who's In Charge - Seminar

**Does your child hurt, intimate or abuse you?  
Do you feel you are losing control?  
Want to better handle conflict?**

**Reclaim respect and calm in your family!**

The *Who's in Charge?* Group is an 8 week program for parents and carers of young people (10 to 18 years of age) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aim is to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and wellbeing
- Help you feel more in control and less stressed

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 @ 9.30pm - 12.00pm at Connections - 55 Webb Street, Narre Warren.

Enquiries and Enrolment Essential.

Contact Tracey Hall on **9705 3921** or

Eddie Gallagher on **5941 0580**

## Music News

There have been quite a number of changes in the Music Department at Kambrya this year. A number of staff have left the school and we wish them well in their new ventures. At the moment the staffing is as follows:

Instrumental Music Coordinator: Roz Bishop

Classroom Music Teachers: Roz Bishop and Kim Hawking

Brass: Damien Maughan

Percussion: Adrian Violi

Guitar and Bass Guitar: Dave Robinson

As you will notice, at the moment staffing is not finalised as we do not have a voice or woodwind teacher. This will hopefully be rectified very quickly. Also spaces for certain instruments are almost full. If your child wishes to enrol for an instrument but there are no spaces, you will be informed and they will be placed on a waiting list.

Any students who have enrolled for Instrumental Music Lessons should ensure that payment has been made to the front office and that their name appears on a timetable in the Music Department.

Any questions need to be directed to Roz Bishop.

For those students who have paid, lessons will start next week.

Percussion: Monday or Wednesday morning

Guitar and Bass: Tuesday or Wednesday

Brass: Wednesday

Voice/Woodwind: TBA

## Kambrya College Student Dress Code

The uniform is supplied by *Graham Booth Menswear* who carries a list detailing all aspects of the uniform requirements. The College Council asks that you support the College uniform policy from the time your child leaves home to their return.

The uniform is not designed to stifle creativity; rather it designed to develop a sense of belonging. We expect our students will wear the uniform with pride, and that it will be neat and tidy at all times. In particular the following points should be noted:

- Body piercing is not permitted and only one plain stud or sleeper per ear lobe.
- Nails are to be kept short and clean, without acrylic extensions
- Coloured nail polish and make up are not acceptable

- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles (at the discretion of the Principal or their representative) are not permitted.
- Students are to be clean shaven.
- The Kambrya College backpack is the only bag recommended for students.

**Terms 1 and 4 - Summer uniform - *It is recommended that the school cap or a blue bucket hat be worn outside during recess/lunch***

**GIRLS:**

- Summer dress or;
- Check skirt (worn at an appropriate length as determined by the Principal or their representative) and Midford white school short sleeved shirt (open neck) or;
- Taupe shorts and Midford white school short sleeved shirt (open neck) or;
- Taupe pants and Midford white school short sleeved shirt (open neck);
- White or blue plain socks (must be visible above the ankle);
- Black leather shoes
- School cap (or other) to be worn for all HPE and sport classes
- Students new to the College from 2008 are required to wear the white shirt with the College logo instead of a plain white shirt.

**BOYS:**

- Taupe shorts and Midford white school short sleeved shirt (open neck) or
- Taupe pants (pants should be worn appropriately as determined by the Principal or their representative) and Midford white school short sleeved shirt (open neck)
- Plain black belt
- White or blue plain socks (no logos, must be visible above the ankle)
- Black leather shoes
- School cap (or other) to be worn for all HPE and sport classes
- Students new to the College from 2008 are required to wear the white shirt with the College logo instead of a plain white shirt.

**Terms 2 and 3 - Winter Uniform - *Navy Kambrya College scarves are able to be worn***

**GIRLS:**

- Checked winter skirt and Midford white classic shirt long sleeved or
- Taupe pants and Midford white classic shirt long sleeved
- College tie
- College jumper with embroidered College logo
- College water proof jacket with embroidered College logo

- Long white or blue socks or navy tights
- Black lace up leather shoes
- School cap (or other) to be worn for all HPE and sport classes

**BOYS:**

- Taupe pants and Midford white classic shirt long sleeved
- College jumper with embroidered College logo
- College tie
- College water proof jacket with embroidered College logo
- White or blue plain socks (no logos)
- Black lace up leather shoes
- School cap (or other) to be worn for all HPE and sport classes

**Health and Physical Education/Sport Uniform**

*Students who have HPE or sport throughout the day (not including interschool sports training) are able to wear their full Sports uniform for the whole day.*

*It is recommended that the school cap or a blue bucket hat be worn outside during PE/sport classes.*

**GIRLS/BOYS:**

- Navy blue Kambrya College polo sport top with house colour on collar edge
- Kambrya College navy sports shorts or
- Kambrya College navy netball skirt or
- Kambrya College navy tracksuit pants with terracotta piping
- Kambrya College navy tracksuit jumper
- College water proof jacket with embroidered College logo
- White or blue plain socks (should be visible above ankle)
- Sturdy lace up runners
- School cap (or other) to be worn for all HPE and sport classes

**Seniors Uniform**

*Additions to the current uniform have been introduced for Year 11 and 12 Students only. These additions have been introduced to compliment the current uniform and to distinguish the Senior Students.*

**GIRLS/BOYS:**

- Senior Navy Blue Zip Front Jacket
- College Senior tie (compulsory terms 2 and -
- Senior Polo Shirt (terms 1 and 4 only)

**Technology/Science Requirements**

**For safety reasons, students are required to wear flat heeled fully enclosed black shoes.**