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Important Dates For Term 3 - 2009

AUGUST		
8 th August	Saturday	Kambrya College Working Bee 8am - 12pm
11 th August	Tuesday	Free dress day - with donation for The Starlight Foundation
14 th August	Friday	Final payment for year 10 Central Australia Camp due
27 th August	Thursday	Year 9 to 10 in 2010 course selection and Expo
SEPTEMBER		
13 th September	Sunday	Year 10 students leave for the Central Australia Trip
18 th September	Friday	Last day of term 3
24 th September	Thursday	Year 10 students return from the Central Australia Trip

Principals Message

Uniform Thank You!

Dear Parents,

As you know, the College decided to make a concerted effort to raise the standard of adherence to the College Dress Code. This was explained to our students before the end of Term 2 at assemblies and followed up with a letter to each family at Kambrya College. Of particular concern was the matter of facial piercings and the wearing of non uniform items like 'hoodies' and other jackets. I am delighted to report that there has been a dramatic improvement in compliance to our uniform by all students. You can see the difference! To me it is just 'step one' in raising the standards and having higher expectations of our students. I would like to extend a warm "thank you" to all parents for supporting the College in the area of uniform.

Newly Appointed Leading Teachers

Congratulations to our newly appointed Leading Teachers -

- Sue Kirkham - Student Well Being
- Fiona Foreman - Sub School Leader of Bulen Bulen
- Kylie Williams - Sub School Leader of Gwonawa
- Anna Dollman - Later Years Sub School Leader

Each of these teachers were stand out applicants for these positions and already make a strong contribution to our College. Best wishes and congratulations again to each of our new Leading Teachers!

Michael Muscat
Principal

Vertical Sub School News

Year 7 Camp - Year 7 students from Gwonawa, Bulen Bulen, Warin and Mirrim have just returned from camp at Woorabinda. We all had a great time, participating in activities such as archery, canoeing, a night hike and initiative games. The teachers who attended camp also had a great time and would like to thank all those students who attended for making it a great experience.



Uniforms - A reminder to all students that they are required to wear full and correct uniform to school every day. Students will be issued with lunchtime detentions if they are not in correct uniform and following that an afterschool detention if they fail to attend lunchtime detentions. Ties are a compulsory part of the winter uniform and must be worn pushed up to the shirt collar. Body piercings are not permitted at school. Any items of non-uniform worn to school will be confiscated by teachers and returned to students at the end of the term.

Year 7 excursion - As part of the Year 7 unit - Learning from the Past all students will attend the Pompeii Exhibition at Melbourne Museum. All students are required to attend this excursion to experience ancient history in an engaging and interesting way.

Sub-School Competitions - Congratulations to Gwonawa who narrowly beat Bulen Bulen in the Inter Sub-School soccer competition. This week sees the girls battle it out in a basketball competition.

Peer Tutoring - The Peer Tutoring Pilot Program, which began earlier this year, has already seen many students seek extra help from Later Years and past Kambrya students. Private tuition is still available for any student who would like further educational support. Please speak to the home group teacher, Sub-School Leader or Mr. Hands if you are interested in participating.

Up-coming dates - August 25th - Author Incursion - Year 7's (in theatre - no charge)
August 27th - Year 9 - 10 Expo and Course Selection

YEAR TEN LEADERSHIP TEAM 2009

Year Ten Sub-School Leader - Mr Keith Perry
Community Leader 10A - E - Ms Sarah Chase
Community Leader 10F - J - Mr Leo Stauber
Community Leader 10K - N - Mr James Avram
Careers Coordinators -Mr Alan Feher / Mrs Michelle Paterson

COMMUNICATION

Please be aware of the leadership team that is outlined above. Whilst Keith Perry is more than happy to help parents and students wherever possible, there are 360 students in the year level and it is important that all communication is not targeted to one recipient. Please ensure that you are using your child's Homegroup and Community Leader teacher as your first point of communication if possible. Please be aware that Adam Hands has recently taken a position as Year 11 Coordinator, and Mr James Avram is the new community leader for 10K-N.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP 2009

As per the notices that were distributed to students last term, the cost for the Central Australia Trip for 2009 has had to increase from the original projected cost (\$750). **The new cost is \$800.** This is because of a significant drop in the expected number of applicants. This is an unfortunate circumstance, however without this increase in price the trip will not be economically viable and will face cancellation.

Families are free to make payments at their own convenience. Our only requirement is that payments are made regularly unless otherwise organised by parents with the College Business Manager. All payments **MUST** be finalised by **FRIDAY 14th August, 2009. (One month prior to camp)**

An information night will be scheduled in the coming weeks, and an information flyer will be sent home with students next week to confirm the date, time and venue. This session will cover spending money, equipment requirements, detailed itinerary, and other information to enable the camp to run smoothly.

Any further information, concerns or questions about the camp can be addressed by calling Mr. Keith Perry at Kambrya College on 9707-7600 during school hours.

COURSE COUNSELLING AND MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS

As previously communicated to students and parents, Year 10 students have been completing their Course Counselling program this term. Thank you to all those parents who have played an active role in this program and have been discussing future pathways with students. This week students have participated in their Course Counselling Appointments to confirm their pathways for 2010.

Students have all been provided with a Careers Folder containing pertinent information that will assist them (and you!) to make informed decisions. Please go through this folder with your child.

ATTENDANCE

Please ensure that if your child is absent you call the college to advise us or send a written note the following day.

Parental Support

Parenting isn't always easy, so it's good to know that help is available! For free, confidential, 24 hour, parent and carer support call CAPS on 1800 688 009. CAPS support workers can help;

- If you are finding it hard to cope with your children.
- If you are having issues with the behaviour of your children.
- If you would like information about communicating with or disciplining your children.
- If you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child you know.
- If you think you might harm a child.
- If you need clarification about what child abuse actually is.
- If you want to report abuse but don't know how.
- If you have any questions or need any information about child abuse.
- If you need help but don't know where to get it.
- Or if you just need someone to talk to!

You can find out more information at www.childabuseprevention.com.au or call 1800 688 009.

Later Years News

Later Years Contacts

The Later Years team would like to welcome Mr Adam Hands who has joined Miss Hannah Lewis as Year 11 Coordinator. Year 12 queries should be directed to Miss Lauren Sach and VCAL queries to Miss Melanie Reynolds.

Parents are also welcome to direct any queries to the Later Years Sub-school Leader, Anna Dollman.

Course Selection and Pathways

Students in year 10 and 11 should now have completed course selections for 2010 and all students have had the opportunity for course counselling with our Careers team.

If you have any questions regarding VCE, VET or VCAL, contact the Later Years office on 9707-7600.

Students wishing to have a Careers appointment to discuss their VTAC applications (University or TAFE options) or Career pathways for next year should contact Mr Feher or Mrs Paterson in the Careers Office.

The presentation from the Later Years information night (28th July) is available on the College website, as is the Later Years Student Handbook.

Driving to School

Students who have recently obtained their Driver's Licence should register with the D Block office. Students are reminded that they may not park in the staff car park, the Foodworks carpark or in Bemersyde Drive. Students' cars may be parked in Marlesford Crescent at the rear of the College.

Students are also reminded that they must not drive friends to or from school. If you have siblings at the College and wish to drive them to school, you must provide written permission from parents.

Absences

Students and parents are reminded that all VCE and VCAL courses have strict attendance requirements. It is important that you obtain a medical certificate if you are unwell, particularly on the day of an assessment task. Students are also reminded that they are not permitted to leave the College for lunch.

Year 12 students may sign out at the beginning of lunchtime if they do not have any scheduled classes in the afternoon.

VCE Holiday Classes

The College will be open in the first week of the September holidays for examination preparation classes for students undertaking a Unit 3 & 4 (year 12) sequence. Timetables will be published soon.

Academic Progress

Academic concern letters will soon be posted home for any student who is currently not meeting outcomes for VCE and VCAL subjects. Parents can expect to receive these in the mail in the next week.

Please feel free to contact class teachers directly should you have any concerns regarding your child's progress. All parents are encouraged to attend the Round Table Conferences coming up in week 7.

Tutoring

The College has a list of ex-students who are available for private tutoring in a number of subject areas. Please contact Adam Hands for further information.

University Open days

Victorian universities will be running open days throughout August and September. This is a great opportunity for students to find out about the courses they may be interested in.

For further information, visit the relevant University web sites or contact the Careers team.

Literacy Support

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are seeking members of the Kambrya Community to listen to students read. Please consider helping us.

Time Commitment—1 hour per week
Activity—Listen to an individual or small number of students read.

Please contact: Mrs. Tanya Pinnock to express an interest or for further information. 9707 7600

Experience life as an overseas teenager during your summer holidays!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is in its last round of accepting applications for students to go to Germany, Italy, Spain, France and French-speaking Belgium this summer.

Lifelong memories – lifelong friends!

Live with a host family, attend an overseas school and make new friends from around the world. 'Begin your exchange journey with an open mind and heart. Don't be afraid to leap into a world of unknown; you will be rewarded with more than you thought possible.'
- Chloe Sinclair went on a short-term program to France in November 2008

Don't miss out! Find out more:

Request your information pack: Go online www.wep.org.au or call us for the cost of a local call 1300 884 733.
Attend WEP's **Open Door Day: 15 August / 12pm – 4pm**
Meet WEP staff and returned students to talk about your opportunity to discover the world on a student exchange.



World Education Program (WEP) Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments.

Us and them....

Research shows that parent-child relationships and parental monitoring of children's internet use make a significant difference to whether youth will experience forms of cyber bullying (Berson & Berson, 2005; Ybarra & Mitchell, 2004).

The NET generation...The NET GENERATION (N-Gen) are growing up in a digital world, blurring the line between 'real' and 'virtual'. Parents and children use the internet in different ways. Whilst parents will use the internet as a research tool, and will download information, members of the N-Gen are more likely to use the internet as a social networking resource, and will upload information on the internet.

Research has revealed that 65% of 2.7 million children (5-14 years) use the internet. Whilst school is the most common place for computer use, **the home is the most common place for internet use among youth.** This places parents in an ideal position to learn how to support their children's use of cyber safe strategies.

Take time to explore the internet with your child, and get to know your child's: friends, favourite websites, favourite blogs, biggest fears etc. Children need to know you enjoy spending time with them.

For more information for both parents and youth about cyber bullying, visit:

Cybersmartkids <http://cybersmartkids.com.au/>

Blue Light Disco

For students in years 4-8



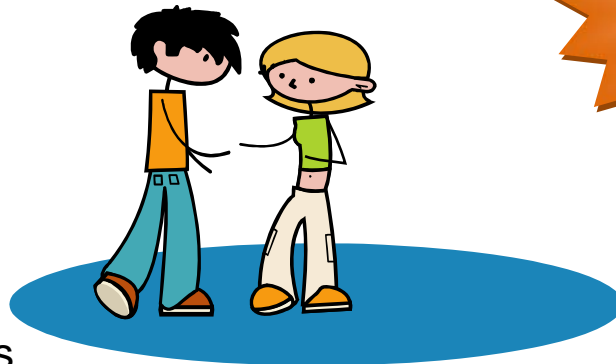
Saturday 15th August 2009

6pm-9pm

Cranbourne Public Hall

Cnr Clarendon St & High St (Opposite Red Rooster)

Entry \$8



Event supervised by
Police Officers and volunteers

Canteen and cloakroom facilities available.

No pass-outs.

For Further Details call:

Debbie Nobbs: **0409 419 306**

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INTERESTED IN PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES?

**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A VOLUNTEER
HOST FAMILY?**

Want to expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages or cuisines? Then consider opening your door to an international exchange student.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2010.

Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, Japan, and Switzerland are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes.

These young ambassadors are looking for life-long friends and a place to call home during their stay. Apply now & start corresponding with your student upon approval. Getting to know them & their families before they arrive brings fun & joy to everyone involved!

If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, then please contact our National Office.

Full support is provided to all host families and their students!

**Nikki Medwell
Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program**

Toll Free: 1300 884 733

Email: wep@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request which includes student photos and profiles.

It's easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!



Outbound programs also available