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# Newsletter No. 20

December 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

## Important Dates for Term 4 – 2009 and Term 1 2010

December 2009		
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	VCE results available
Monday to Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of year activities week
January 2010		
Wednesday to Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> –29 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	Staff Induction days – No students
February 2010		
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2010	Students return to School for 2010

**MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2010**

**Kambrya Office Hours 2009** for enquiries and payments are:

Normal Hours Monday – Friday - 8.15am to 4.00pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (office closes) - 8.15 am to 1.00pm**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Office Closed**

**Kambrya Office Hours 2010** for enquiries and payments are:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - 9.00am to 3.00pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Office will be closed**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Normal Hours - 8.15am to 4.00pm

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

May I extend a warm welcome to the parents of our new year 7 students in the 2010 intake. May I also thank our parent community for their ongoing support of Kambrya College during 2009. Next year, the college will be actively seeking more parent participation in the various programs run by the school. There will also be focus on improving communication between parents and teachers regarding the progress in learning made by their children. I look forward to discussing these matters with parents at our 'meet and greet' meetings early in the new year.

2009 has been a year of honest reflection, review and planning for improvement. I have been amazed at the enormous work effectively undertaken by the staff at Kambrya College to develop strong Literacy and Numeracy programs, improve VCE, VCAL and VET options/results and prepare our Teachers to consistently deliver an orderly learning environment across the college. I am very hopeful that the benefits of this work will come to the fore during the 2010 school year.

Best Wishes to all for a safe and happy Christmas!

Michael Muscat

Principal



## Vertical Sub School News

### Tasmania Tour Year 8

During the week of 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November 150 Year 8 students from across the 4 sub schools headed off to Tasmania to experience the Apple Isle.

For many of the students the trip was met with much excitement, and trepidation as for many it was their first ferry and or plane ride.

Over the course of the 4 day trip students visited Devonport, Launceston, Hobart, Mole Creek, Marakooa Cave, Cataract Gorge, the Port Arthur Historic Penitentiary – during the day and again for a ghost tour at night, and of course the infamous Cadbury Factory in Claremont – for many a highlight of the trip!

All staff and students thoroughly enjoyed their time in Tasmania and have some wonderful stories and experiences to remember for many years to come.



### Orientation Day:

On Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> Kambrya welcomed over 200 Grade 6 students into the school for their first experience of secondary school life.

The students spent time getting to know the Kambrya staff, in particular their home-group teacher for 2010 and their sub-school leaders. They underwent literacy and numeracy testing and enjoyed a barbeque lunch in the courtyard. For many students the highlight of the day was the "Taster Tour" of the school in the afternoon. They had a chance to experience some of the most interactive parts of the school including seeing Mr Ackerley create amazing experiments and explosions in the science lab.

The Grade 6's enjoyed the day and left excited about starting secondary school at Kambrya in 2010. One student even said "Today was so awesome that I can't explain how awesome it was!"

Next year Kambrya will welcome ten home-groups of Year 7's within the four vertical sub-schools. We all look forward to getting to know these new members of the Kambrya Community and helping them all have a smooth transition into secondary school life.

### Sport and HPE Uniform- Shoes and Hats

More and more students are choosing to wear inappropriate footwear as a part of their Sport and HPE Uniform. Wearing incorrect footwear during Sport and HPE classes increases the risk of injury and long term damage to feet, knees, hips and back. Please support the HPE staff and your child's health and safety by ensuring your child is wearing lace-up sport shoes as indicated in the picture below.

***It is a requirement that all students purchase a Kambrya cap to wear during HPE/Sport classes during terms 1 and 4. It is the ONLY hat that can be worn.***



The following style of shoe **are not to be worn**



## School Uniform- Shoes

It has become a concern that more and more students are choosing to wear inappropriate footwear as a part of their uniform. Wearing incorrect footwear during classes increases the risk of injury when participating in practical classes such as Technology and Science. It is a College requirement that all students wear

***Sturdy Fully Enclosed Black Shoes (no canvas)***

for all classes (other than Sport and HPE)



The following styles of shoes are **not to be worn**- slipper or ballet style shoes



**Please note:** The policy of **zero tolerance regarding facial piercings will continue in 2010**. Any student who comes to school with a facial piercing will be required to remove it immediately and hand it to their Sub School Leader. Any student who refuses to do so will be provided school work in a 'time-out' location until the piercing is removed.

## Numeracy and Literacy Centres

The Kambrya College Numeracy and Literacy Centres will commence classes at the beginning of 2010. The **Numeracy Centre** will be staffed by Gee Michalik as the primary teacher who will deliver **1 period** per week of intensive numeracy instruction to **Year 8 students**. The **Literacy Centre** will be staffed by Alison Ackerley as the primary teacher who will deliver **1 period** per week of intensive literacy instruction to **Year 7 and 8 students**. Both Gee and Alison will be actively supported by the classroom teacher and a specially allocated Education Support staff member during the delivery of that lesson. Students are expected to complete literacy and numeracy based homework on a regular basis.

## INSURANCE ARE YOU COVERED?

While the school takes every precaution to ensure the safety of our students and their property, there is no Departmental or whole school insurance cover for students injured at school or for any loss of their property through damage or theft.

The safety of your son and daughter is paramount; all activities are subject to Council and Departmental approval and have risk assessments completed. The College also takes active steps to minimise potential hazards in our sport, practical classes and in our general environment.

All students are encouraged not to bring valuables to school and purchase a secure lock for their lockers and bikes. Students should not share lockers.

If you require student insurance cover please check your personal insurance policies or seek student insurance protection from Independent companies.

