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Year Level News

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Important Dates for 2008

13 to 15 February	Year 12 Orientation Camp
14 February (Thursday)	Teacher Industrial Action Day (Year 7 & 12 students only)
1 to 7 March	Council of International Schools Team Visit to Kambrya College
21 March	Good Friday
21 March to 6 April	Autumn Vacation
10 April	Year 10 to 12 Athletics Carnival
11 April	Year 7 to 9 Athletics Carnival
15 & 16 April	Round Table Conferences
16 April	Term 2 Begins
21 April	VCE and Careers Expo Caulfield Race Course
22 to 24 April	SRC Student Leadership Camp Narmbool
25 April (Friday)	ANZAC Day
28 April to 2 May	Year 10 Work Experience

Michael Muscat – Principal Operations

Year 7 News

It has been a busy start to the year for year 7. Students have received their lockers and timetables and are getting used to the organisation that it takes to get from one class to another on time. They have set their learning improvement goals for the term, and are beginning to fill their Learning Achievement Portfolios. We have also had swimming sports in which Natasha McVicar from 7L was the story of the day, breaking three school records!

An impressive turn out at the Year 7 Meet and Greet saw the theatre being packed to the rafters and flowing both outside and up 'E' block corridor! On the night parents were given the opportunity to indicate areas of interest in which they could assist us and get involved. Any parents who missed that opportunity should jot a quick note in their child's planner and the homegroup teacher will send the appropriate form home. Special thanks to Ian George, Melanie Fishman-Ferber, Cheryl Van Deurson and any

other parents from 7D who helped Mrs Lindeberg in her time of need. She has made a full recovery. Thanks to all who came on the night.

As we enter the fourth week of this short term we look forward to developing our student leadership team through the selection of class captains and seeing just what our year sevens can do!

Caleb Peterson **Year 7 Sub School Leader**

Year 8 News

Civic Duty

Civic Duty is divided into two main categories, Yard Duty and Office Duty.

Office Duty:

The communities will provide two students daily to work in the office.

Yard Duty:

Each community has an action plan and timetable to maintain an area of the school yard.

Uniform

It is very important that all students are in summer uniform for all of the school day. If there are any major problems with this, please contact home group teachers as soon as possible.

More News Next week!!

Sharne Winstone **Year 8 Sub School Leader**

Year 9 News

Thank you to all the parents and students who attending our Meet & Greet last Tuesday. It was great to meet so many families, and hope that the evening was as informative and enjoyable for students and parents as it was for staff. A reminder that we are still looking for parents/guardians to help us out on Journey Excursions. Volunteers get a great day out with the kids, often to an interesting destination, and are rewarded with a Coles/Myer Gift Card as a small token of our thanks. If you are interested, please contact Jacqui Toohey at the College.

Just a reminder that the school term is now well underway and students should be completing some homework/study each night. Uniform should also now be corrected (available at www.kambryacollege.com) and no iPods or mobile phones should be taken to school.

Kate Lock on behalf of the Year 9 Team

Year 10 News

LATER YEARS LEADERSHIP TEAM 2008

Year Ten Sub-School Leader – Mr Keith Perry
Community Leader 10A - E - Ms Sarah Chase
Community Leader 10F – J – Mr Peter Lewis
Community Leader 10K – N – Mrs Annabel Reeves
Managed Individual Pathways – Mr Benn Jamieson
Careers Coordinator – Mrs Pauline Van Der Poel

WELCOME TO YEAR 10 2008!

On behalf of the team, I welcome Year Ten students and parents to the 2008 academic year. The commencement of Year Ten is a new phase in each student's personal journey. At such times, it is always important to pause and reflect on the past in order to develop new goals for the future. For Year Ten students, their memories of the secondary school journey to this point will include a broad range of unique experiences, academic and social priorities. At this time, I encourage each student (and their parents) to reflect on their journey thus far, and to consider their personal learning and social goals with a new and proactive outlook.

Year Ten is a new transition period where each student will find the opportunity to develop dynamic and cooperative relationships between themselves, and also with their teachers. This year presents an opportunity for students to raise the academic bar, no matter what their intended future pathway. For those students intending to take the challenge of VCE or VCAL in the coming years, then 2008 is the 'training ground' where they must consolidate the skills and habits which will assist them to achieve success. For those intending to pursue other pathways at the conclusion of their 2008 studies, then this year presents them with the final opportunity to prove to themselves, and to future employers, that they can accomplish goals.

This year also offers a range of exciting new experiences for students, including work experience, course counselling, Managed Individual Pathways, the Central Australia Trip, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the Personal Project, Student Leadership Camps, Junior School Mediation and many others. I encourage students to think constructively about what it means to be entering the later years of their schooling, and how they intend to engage with the school community. Each student must realise that the responsibility is now theirs to demonstrate leadership and act as role models for junior students.

Above all, it is the time for each student to decide what *type* of adult they want to be in life. This does not mean deciding their career with certainty, nor does it mean that they must assume the demeanour and responsibilities of an adult. It simply means that each student is now at the age where they are empowered to choose their attitude with greater control and awareness than ever before, and they possess the capacity to define the relationships that they have with the people around them.

My personal thanks to each student in year ten for an outstanding start to the year. Your behaviour, presentation and academic rigour to this point have been exemplary.

I look forward to working with you all in 2008, and I hope your dreams and goals become reality.

Keith Perry
Year Ten Sub-School Leader

YEAR TEN MEET AND GREET EVENING

Parents are invited to attend a short information evening at the college on Tuesday February 19th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. This evening will provide essential information to parents regarding several new developments in the college, as well as events and processes unique to Year Ten. Parents will also be presented with the opportunity to enjoy a barbecue whilst meeting their child's homegroup teacher. For further information, please ask your child for the information flyer which was sent home on February 12.

WORK EXPERIENCE – 28TH APRIL – 2ND MAY

The final date for all work experience forms to be completed by employers and returned to the Year Ten leadership office is **February 29th**. By this date, all year ten students are expected to have secured a placement and returned their forms.

Please note that **all** Year Ten students are expected to **organise their own** work experience placement. Students were provided with the necessary documentation in the final term of 2007, and were advised that they needed to be proactive in their endeavours to find placements. Students have been reminded of these expectations on numerous occasions already in 2008. If any student has not yet organised their placement, we encourage parents to proactively assist their child, utilising any family or personal contacts. However, please keep in mind that an integral part of the learning process is that students initiate their own proceedings (eg. make phone calls etc)

All students who fail to organise a placement will be expected to attend school to participate in an alternative program.

SUBJECT CHANGES

Please note that **NO** further subject changes for students will be considered without a completed pink application form available for students from the year ten leadership office. Students must complete the form with their parents and then return it to Mr Perry. No further subject changes are guaranteed. Please be aware that subject changes disrupt timetables and

IMMUNISATIONS

Please note that students in Year Ten have received Immunisation cards for Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and Human Papillomavirus. All cards should be returned to Homegroup teachers, even if you are not intending to have your child vaccinated, as this assists the Local Council to monitor the protection against such diseases and conditions. Vaccinations will take place on Thursday 13th March.

YEAR TEN STUDENTS ATTEMPTING A VCE UNIT

Please be reminded of the following expectations:

- ALL students must meet a minimum of 80% attendance.
- In order to avoid falling below the minimum attendance rate, any student who is absent for a valid medical reason must provide a copy of the certificate to Mr Perry who will provide them with a stamp indicating an approved absence.
- All students must abide by the VCAA rules and regulations. These are available for perusal in the handbooks provided to students at the end of 2007, and at <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/>

ABSENCES

Absences from school should be avoided wherever possible. All absences MUST be explained with a signed and dated note which is handed to the homegroup teacher at the next available occasion.

Any extended absences MUST be discussed with the child's homegroup teacher, community leader or sub-school leader. Please note that it is not in your child's best interests to miss extended periods of school, and the planning of holidays or other extended trips during the academic year must be discussed with the sub-school leader.

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLANS

As an integral component of learning and reflective practice, students will be completing Learning Improvement Plans with their Homegroup teachers this week. Please encourage your child to discuss their learning goals for Semester One 2008 with you, and provide some guidance and direction as required. For those who attend the Meet and Greet evening on February 19th, you will receive an early opportunity to review your child's Learning Improvement Plan and discuss any potential strategies for achieving these goals with their respective homegroup teachers.

CIVIC DUTY

Please be aware that as a part of the college's philosophy of civic duty and responsibility, Year Ten students will participate in the college yard duty roster. Occasionally your child's Humanities or Science class will be withdrawn in order to assist in maintaining the natural state of the yard.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Year Ten will participate in the school photo day on Monday February 25th. Students were provided with order forms on February 12th.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP 2008

This year the Central Australia Trip will take place in the final week of Term three and the first week of the September school holidays. We anticipate that we will offer approximately 120 places, at an approximate cost of \$750. Expression of interest forms will be made available to students on Wednesday February 20th, and parents are advised that to secure a position a non-refundable deposit will be required with the submission of the form.

COURSE CONSELLING AND MANAGED INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS

An integral component of the Year Ten journey is the commencement of a Managed Individual Pathway. This program is designed to provide a personal planning service for each individual student. Students are guided by the MIPs Coordinator, Mr Benn Jamieson, to set out possible future pathways. Students are also supported by the Careers Coordinator, Mrs Pauline Van Der Poel. Students are provided with the information and strategies they need in order to make informed and suitable decisions. To consolidate this program, students will also undergo Course Counselling. This will take place later in the year as students begin to consider their pathways beyond year ten. Students choosing to remain at Kambrya to complete a senior education will be given advice and counselling in order to ensure that they choose the most appropriate course for their intended pathway. Further information on these two programs will be provided in the near future.

Keith Perry Year 10 Sub School Leader

Later Years Year Level News

Later Years

Welcome to the new academic year. As well as your homeroom teacher, the following staff are also available to support you and your child in their Year 11 or 12 programme.

Sub-School Leader – Mrs F Tonizzo
Managed Individual Pathways – Mr B Jamieson
Careers Teacher – Mrs P Van Der Poel
Year 12 Co-Ordination – Ms L Sach
Year 11 Co-Ordination – Ms H Lewis & Mr G Keet

Year 11 students are NOT permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day (including recess or lunchtime) without written permission by parents and coordinators. Only year 12 students are permitted to leave the school grounds early when they have a study period at the end of day.

Students who have a Study Period at school because they are undertaking a VET subject or are in Year 12 are required to sign in at the Study Room (D6) for this lesson. They are also expected to have work with them to complete and to be prepared to work quietly during the lesson.

University resources available to our students! Kambrya College VCE students are more than welcome to use the library and learning commons whenever they need to at Monash University (Berwick Campus).

Unfortunately we are unable to borrow books, but can photocopy with the purchase a photocopying card. There is a great library collection there especially in the way of business-related books.

GAP Activity Projects Applications

A GAP Project Year can be a fantastic year for students who have finished their secondary schooling. Information on the range of projects and the application process can be found at www.gapactivityprojects.org.au.

Careers Room

The Careers Room is open most lunchtimes for our students to access information and the expertise of our Careers Staff in areas of subject selection, tertiary placements and career advice.

Bell Times

(2007)

Time	Event
8.30am	Morning Briefing
8.50am	Locker Bell
9.00am	Home Group / Roll Call
9.10am	Period 1
9.58am	Period 2
10.46am - 11.15am Recess	
11.15am	Locker Bell
11.20 am	Period 3
12.08pm	Period 4
12.56 – 1.40pm Lunch	
1.40pm	Locker Bell
1.45pm	Period 5
2.33pm	Period 6
3.21pm Dismissal	

Inclement Weather Bell Times

During the school year, there are occasions where inclement weather can make conditions very uncomfortable for students at lunchtime. By inclement weather, I refer to extremely cold, hot, windy or wet conditions that may prevail. On these days the college has decided to reduce the length of lunchtime by 10 minutes and dismiss students 10 minutes earlier (**i.e. at 3.11pm**).

However, if you have any particular reason for needing your child to remain at school until the normal dismissal time of 3.11pm, students may move into and remain in the Library for this period of time.

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1.35pm	Period 5
2.23pm	Period 6
3.11pm Dismissal	

Kambrya College Student Uniform - Policy

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community, College Council will develop a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as a sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers; worn one in each ear lobe; plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- **Extreme hair colors and/or extreme hairstyles (at the discretion of the Principal or their representative) are not permitted.**
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- As a sunsmart school we encourage all students to wear the college approved head cover.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

Kambrya College Student Uniform – Requirements

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 backpack is the only bag recommended for students.

Terms 1 and 4 – Summer uniform

Blue bucket hats must be worn outside during recess/lunch and PE/sport classes.

GIRLS:

- Summer dress or;
- Check skirt 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

BOYS:

- Taupe shorts and Midford white school short sleeved shirt (open neck) or
- Taupe pants 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

Terms 2 and 3 – Winter Uniform

Navy Kambrya 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

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

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.

GIRLS/BOYS:

- Navy blue Kambrya polo sport top with house colour on collar edge
- Kambrya navy sports shorts or
- Kambrya navy netball skirt or
- Kambrya navy tracksuit pants with terracotta piping
- Kambrya 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

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 3)
- 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.



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Student Representative Team 2008

Year 7

Dean McCort 7C
Tim Byrne 7D
Allyson Cole 7E
Taylor Ferguson 7J

Year 8

Curtis Jenkin 8D
Emilie Madigan 8C
Gino Schouw 8F
Rhiannon Dempster 8G
Shane Taylor 8L

Year 9

Nadeem Hekmat 9E
Beau Rees 9F
Tara Leigh Dowler 9O
Michelle Hook 9D

Year 10

Alison Wickson 10B
Steph Spargo 10F
Paul Johnson 10I
Nathan Richardson 10G - SRC Vice President

Year 11

Juliana Azzam 11E
Mat Jolme 11D
Nick Tattam 11H
Jess Gorickic 11C

School Captains

Jared Living Sherwell 11I - School Captain
Leya Mackas 11I - School Captain
Cameron Kartaschew 11F - SRC President/ School Vice
Captain
Kirilee Chaplin - School Vice Captain

PROTOCOLS FOR EARLY LEAVERS

At Kambrya College the office staff provides parents with the highest quality customer response possible when enquiries are being made. The office staff endeavours to provide a service that is efficient, personal and friendly. Now that the College is made up of 1520 students and over 150 staff, the demands on our office staff can be extraordinary at peak times. For this reason we wish to inform parents of the following protocol.

STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE CALLED UP ON THE PA SYSTEM OR BE COLLECTED FROM CLASS EARLY IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

If students need to leave school early for any reason, they **must** bring a note in their Student Planner that has been signed by a parent. This note in turn should be signed by their Homegroup Teachers or Year Level Leader. At the appropriate time the student should move across to the General Office, sign the Early Leavers Book and wait quietly in the foyer until they are picked up by their parents. **Students may only be picked up at recess, lunch time or after school.**

I hope you can assist us in this matter.

Mr Michael Muscat
Principal Operations