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# Newsletter No. 19

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## OFFICE REOPENS – MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012

OFFICE HOURS 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – 9AM – 3.30PM

### Important Dates for Term 1 2012

February		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Student's Return
9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday – Friday	School Photos
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday - Friday	Year 12 Somers Study Camp
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Whole School Swimming Carnival
29 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Parent Teacher Conferences

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents

A wonderful highlight this week was to welcome our new Year 7 students and their parents to Kambrya College on Orientation Day. It was a fantastic day and it gives us every reason to feel excited and optimistic about our future together!

The 2011 school year is rapidly drawing to a close and we can feel very satisfied that it has been a positive year of achievement. The completion of the two new court gymnasium; the very successful introduction of our Commencement Program; the inter sub school sporting carnivals and ongoing lunchtime competitions, the fantastic camping program to Forest Edge, Tasmania, Central Australia and Somers all complemented the dedicated work of our teachers each day in their classrooms. I am immensely grateful to all the staff; teachers, integration aides, and office administration staff on their tremendous efforts through this sometimes challenging year of 2011. I would like to thank our parents for their fabulous support of our College once again. Many of our parents work long hours and sometimes find themselves in a tight financial situation with cost of living pressures yet the support for our College continues.

Many thanks to everyone. May I wish all in our College Community a very Merry Christmas, a restful summer holiday and a happy 2012!

**Michael Muscat**  
Principal



### NETBOOK ROLLOUTS 2012

#### YEAR 7

WEDNESDAY 8/2/2012	TIMES: 4-5PM, 5.30-6.30PM, 7-8PM
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#### YEAR 11

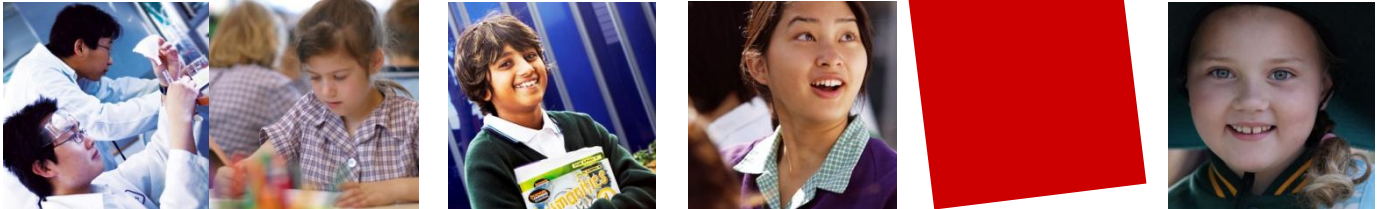
WEDNESDAY 29/2/2012	TIMES: 10.30-11.30AM, 2-3PM, 4.30-5.30PM & 6-7PM
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Parents & students **must be on time for their session** as doors will be locked to avoid disruptions. Late comers will have to attend the next session.



Department of Education and  
Early Childhood Development

## Financial Assistance Parent Information



### Financial assistance for parents/guardians with children commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012

#### Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The parent portion is often used for uniforms and excursions, while the school portion may be used for expenses such as textbooks, stationery and special programs. You can elect to have the parent portion of the EMA paid into your nominated bank account or receive a cheque.

In 2012, the total annual amount is **\$235** for primary students and **\$470** for secondary students – these amounts are split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

#### School Start Bonus:

The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting Prep or Year 7 at a government or non-government school.

If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, and you have a child starting Prep or Year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off **\$300** payment.

The School Start Bonus will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into your nominated bank account in late January 2012.

The School Start Bonus is separate, and additional to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA/School Start Bonus.

**Closing Date:** Parents/guardians with prep or year 7 children commencing in 2012 need to lodge an EMA/School Start Bonus form **before 15 December, 2011**. For late enrolments, applications will be accepted up until 29 February 2012. For more information about the School Start Bonus and the EMA, visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/)

#### Education Tax Refund:

The Education Tax Refund is a Commonwealth Government tax refund to help with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children. Eligible parents, carers, legal guardians and independent students can be reimbursed for half the cost of items such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery.

For more information about the Education Tax Refund, visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/)