

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The holiday season is knocking on the door and this will be our last Weekly News for the year. As the newly appointed principal of Kambrya College I am thrilled to be working with such a dedicated team of teachers and support staff to ensure the best outcomes for each of our students. 2017 will bring many opportunities for improvement and I look forward to sharing our journey with you over the course of the year. At this point in time however it is fitting that we take time to celebrate the achievements of our students and the greater college. Last night I had the honor of watching over 200 of our students receive awards at our annual Awards Ceremony. Indeed, for the first time in many years there was standing room only at this important event. I would like to extend some very warm congratulations to all of our awards recipients. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our Dux. Firstly, Jack Ramsay. Jack was awarded the Dux for VCAL. His exceptional achievements over the course of the program have seen him secure an offer of full time employment. He has demonstrated a great passion for learning, is proactive and has the ability to direct his own learning. We wish Jack well in his future endeavors. Secondly I would like to acknowledge the work of Chathuni Bungiriya. Chathuni is the Dux for VCE. With an ATAR of 94 Chathuni has demonstrated a deep understanding for her academic studies. This is an outstanding result that will have her well placed to pursue her desired studies and we wish her well.

With celebrations in mind 2016 was the year to celebrate Kambrya College's success on the television screens of millions of Australians across the nation; at which point we became known as Revolution School. The story behind the College's improvement was shared through the stories of you, our students and parents. Indeed, when we opened our doors to a production crew of four at the beginning of 2015, we proceeded to go about our normal day to day work without too much attention to the cameras. Needless to say we were all a little apprehensive when the first of four episodes aired in May on ABC 1, there was never any doubt however that we were in the very capable hands of CJZ, an award winning production company. Moving forward we have been inundated by people wanting to know more about our school and how we came to be as we are. Together we have made history. We are the only Australian school to be profiled in this manner; so congratulations to you all. Without you we would not have a story to tell.

With so much interest in the school it was very timely earlier in the year that we were notified that we would receive \$3 million grant to build a new classroom block. This came off the back of many years of campaigning to ensure that we have the best facilities available to educate our students. It is most appropriate at this time that we acknowledge the Honorable Judith Graley Member for Narre Warren South and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education outstanding commitment to Kambrya College. Judith has been a long standing friend of our local community and has worked tirelessly to support our endeavors to secure funds for this essential work, indeed without her support we would not be the recipient of the grant. On behalf of the Kambrya College Community I extend my gratitude to Judith and her team.

Key Dates

2017

Monday 30th January
Staff Return, Office reopens

Tuesday 31st January
First day of Term 1 2017,
students return

Thursday 2nd February
Student photos

On this note I would also like to formally acknowledge the outstanding contribution to the college of Mr. Michael Muscat, Principal of Kambrya College (July 2008- September 2016); under his leadership we have achieved great things and are well prepared for the next stage of school improvement. We wish Michael well in his new role with the Department where he continues to influence school improvement, however this time it is across a broad range of schools.

At the end of this year will we also farewell Assistant Principal Mr. Keith Perry, another long standing member of our community. Keith has made a significant contribution to the College Community since he joined us in 2005 and we wish him well in his future endeavors as he continues his career, (not too far away) at NWS P-12 College. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the staff, students and parents.

Whilst the faces of leadership will change as we move into 2017, the direction of the College will remain targeted. New leadership provides opportunity to view things through a different lens and I am excited about the opportunities that await. I feel privileged as the newly appointed principal of Kambrya College to chart the direction and lead the school through the next stage of improvement.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our students on both their personal and academic achievements. Importantly, I would like to extend these congratulations and thanks to the parents, guardians and teachers, as without you the strong partnership that is required to support our young people through the complex journey of adolescence would not be possible. On behalf of the Leadership Team (both new and old!) and all of staff of Kambrya College, I wish you all the best for the upcoming holiday season.

**Warm Regards,
Joanne Wastle
Principal**

Essential Information

- Term 1 2017 commences on 31st January 2017 for all students
- As a reminder School Council met on Wednesday 14th September and discussed the implementation timeline for the new school uniform. Consequently, we are pleased to advise our community that the timeline has been revised and is reflective of the fact that many of our students still have another 6-12 months of wear out of their existing ‘original’ school uniform. It is important to note however that any student can opt into the new uniform at any point in time. The revised timeline is as follows:
- Students in the relevant year levels will wear all aspects of the new uniform in the nominated year as per below
- Note that black shoes are to be worn when in full school uniform

| 2017 | 2018 |
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| All Year 7 | All Year 7 |
| All Year 8 | All Year 8 |
| | All Year 9 |
| | All Year 10 |
| | All Year 11 |
| | All Year 12 |

- Any parent interested in finding out more about the student trips to Japan and Germany in 2017 should contact the school and leave their details with Lorraine at the front desk. Further informatin will be published about these trips in the first week of school in 2017.