

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.” —Richard Steele

Over the last 5 years we have made a concerted effort to encourage our students to read. We know, and all the research tells us that reading is fundamental to functioning in today’s society. Research has also repeatedly shown that motivation to read decreases with age. Therefore, it is important that as a community we continually not only motivate our students to read, but to also regularly promote the benefits of reading.

Regular recreational book reading is one of the easiest ways for a student to continue developing their literacy skills. The ability to read fluently is by no means the end of development of literacy skills. Reading for pleasure has been associated with a range of benefits, including achievement across a range of literacy outcomes, with literacy levels linked to advantages for academic and vocational prospects. Regular recreational reading also offers benefits for cognitive stamina and resistance to cognitive decline, the development of empathy, and even achievement in other subjects, including Mathematics.

The table shows that students who read for at least 60 minutes a day perform better academically and significantly improve their vocabulary than those who read for less time.

Variation in amount of independent reading

Percentile rank	Minutes/Day	Words/Year
98 <sup>th</sup>	67.3	4,733,000
90 <sup>th</sup>	33.4	2,375,000
70 <sup>th</sup>	16.9	1,168,000
50 <sup>th</sup>	9.2	601,000
30 <sup>th</sup>	4.3	251,000
10 <sup>th</sup>	1.0	51,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0.0	---

Anderson, R., Wilson, P. & Fielding, L., *Reading Research Quarterly*, Vol.3, 1988  
“Growth in reading and how children spend their time outside of school”

**What are the implications for our classrooms?**

## Key Dates 2017

Wednesday 1st - 24th November  
VCE Examination Period

Monday 6th November  
STUDY HALL day  
no scheduled classes however students in attendance will be fully supervised for independent exam study

Tuesday 7th November  
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 13th November  
Report Writing Day - STUDENT FREE DAY  
Secondhand Book Sale - see details in newsletter

Tuesday 14th November  
First day of Commencement Program

Friday 17th November  
Year 12 Valedictory Cocktail Event

Friday 8th December  
Last day of Commencement Program

Monday 11th -Thursday 21st December  
End of Year Activities  
2018 Year 8 - 10 students

Wednesday 20th December  
Presentation Awards Night

## 2018

Tuesday 30th January  
First day of Term 1 2018  
Students Return

Here are some tips to get your child reading:

**Be a positive role model for reading**

Let your child see you reading for pleasure and during routine activities such as reviewing letters, recipes, instructions, newspapers, magazines, and e-mail. Make sure you have lots of reading materials at home for your child. Reading materials don't have to be new or expensive.

**Take your child to the local library**

Help your child get his/her own library card. Ask librarians to tell him/her about different resources, such as books, magazines, reference materials, computers, homework programs, and the 'Young Adult' section of the library, which has fiction and non-fiction books for teens.

**Allow your child to choose the books**

Children are more likely to read books or magazines that interest them. Consider giving your child a subscription to a magazine that she/he would enjoy. Look for reading materials related to your family history or culture. As children get older and begin to think about their own identities, they often become more interested in their backgrounds. This interest can contribute to a healthy sense of pride in their heritage and culture. If your child is bilingual, encourage reading in both languages. The important thing is for your child to read.

**Talk to your child's teachers about reading**

The teacher will welcome your interest! Ask for lists of books for your child to read independently at home, and ways that you can support reading at home. If your child has difficulty reading, talk to his/her teachers immediately. Ask what you can do at home to support your child. When children struggle with reading, it's important for parents and teachers to work together to help solve the problem.

Most importantly, if we want our children to write better, then they need to read more.

"If you don't have time to read, you don't have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that."  
– Stephen King

**Kind Regards**

**Nalini Naidu**  
**Assistant Principal**

# Secondhand Book Sale

## 2017 SECONDHAND SCHOOL TEXT BOOK SALE

Kambrya College is offering to sell textbooks on behalf of students, **on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 from 2.00pm until 7.00pm**. Kambrya College is offering this service to parents - **100% of the sale money will go to the seller - Kambrya will not benefit financially.**

As there are minimal changes to the booklist this year, all students in years 7-10 will be able to sell all textbooks for English, Maths, Science and Humanities.

There are only minimal changes at VCE level, so most year 11 and 12 books will also be able to be sold. Students are encouraged to bring their books to the library on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November to give staff time to get organized before the sale on Monday.

Any year 12 students going unscored may bring books to the library from 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Workbooks can only be offered for sale if they are in new condition, no writing at all on any pages. Dictionary/Thesaurus/LOTE Dictionaries/German text and workbooks should be held onto for following year.

The value of the book will be determined by the school depending on the condition of the books. Books in good condition will be sold at 75% of new cost. **Books that show signs of wear and tear will be sold between 50%-75% of original price (depending on condition).**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will only have EFTPOS facilities until 4.30pm. Any purchases after this time will be required to pay cash. If you can only pay by EFTPOS, we will hold your purchase until the next day when you will be able to pay. Once books have been paid for, bring the receipt to the library and the books will be given out.

**UNSOLD BOOKS** – Families will be notified of any unsold books by email or SMS. Unsold books will need to be collected from the library by 30<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Any uncollected books will be deemed a donation to the school.

If you have any queries, please contact Jane Wilson in the Library.