

Principal's Message

Dear students, parents, guardians and community members,

What a huge week at Kambrya College!

On Wednesday, our fantastic Year 12 students wrapped up their formal classes for the year. We came together with them in the morning to have a special breakfast and Year 12 assembly, before then welcoming them into the gym to formally say farewell with the entire school. The morning was a fun and sensible celebration of their journey at the school, and I thank the Year 12 students for the way that they conducted themselves. That evening we then accompanied the Year 12 students to the inaugural Year 12 formal. It was a student only event (no parents) and it was a brilliant evening. The students dressed to impress, and they celebrated in a sensible manner. To the VCE students who still have their final examinations ahead of them in the next four weeks, we wish you the very best! At the whole school assembly we also heard speeches from the candidates for the 2020 school captain positions. All students in the school cast their votes, and we will be announcing the successful candidates early next week. Well done to all students who applied!

On Thursday evening, I then had the privilege of attending two other great events. First, our Year 9 G.I.R.L.s program (Growing Independent and Resilient Learners) came together with their teachers and families to celebrate their Year 9 graduation. To say that this was a special evening is an understatement. We were blown away by the power of the girls' speeches (each girl was required to do a reflection in front of approximately 100 people!). The personal growth, resilience, confidence and maturity that the girls have acquired through the program was on full display, and the crowd went through plenty of tissues! It was a humbling experience. I'd like to acknowledge the teachers who have worked with this group in 2019, particularly to the program leader Mrs Gee Michalik.

After the G.I.R.L.s graduation, I was then fortunate to attend our Arts Evening of Excellence. It included an awesome gallery of visual art work from our students, and then a 2.5 hour show in the theatre which highlighted many fantastic performances from individual students and groups. A massive thanks to all of the students for their inspiring work, and to the Visual and Performing Arts teachers behind the scenes for their endless efforts to support our students.

A final reminder regarding chewing gum, as per my last two newsletters. This was made very clear to all Year 7-12 students at the assembly this week, and has been announced in homegroups all week. From Monday, there are no excuses.

An important announcement regarding chewing gum (as per the newsletter on October 11)

I have become increasingly agitated and angry by the unsightly and disgraceful amount of chewing gum that has been deposited on the paths, under the tables, and more recently even on our carpets. It is completely unacceptable. This is going to cost the College many thousands of dollars to clean. As parents, I'm sure that you would appreciate it if I could direct these funds to better use. The College has always had a rule that chewing gum is not permitted, but I am now making it clear to all students and parents that chewing gum is an officially prohibited item in the school, and if a student is caught with it, it will come with a very hefty consequence. I am allowing a few weeks lead in time so that this message is clearly received and understood, but effective **from Monday 28th October, any student who is caught with chewing gum will face an immediate suspension.** This will not be negotiated and I will be holding a very firm line with it. All students will be clearly advised at our next whole school assembly in week three and via regular homegroup announcements. I will also be text messaging all parents to inform you. I appreciate your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Keith Perry

Principal

Key Dates

2019

All School Calendar dates now appear on Compass - we strongly encourage all parents to check for upcoming events through Compass, click on the Calendar Tab, then Public Whole School Calendar, you are able to view details in a Week or Month format

Wednesday 30th October - Wednesday
20th November
Year 12 Exam period

Monday 4th November
Supervised Study Hall
no scheduled classes

Tuesday 5th November
Melbourne Cup PUBLIC Holiday

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th November
Whole School Exams

Monday 11th November
Exam Marking / Report Writing Day
Student FREE Day

Tuesday 12th November - Friday 6th
December
Commencement Program

Friday 29th November
Year 12 Valedictory

Wednesday 18th December
Kambrya College Presentation Night

Admin News

2019 Year 7 to Year 9 End of Year Activities

Please find these available to select and pay via Compass.

Students or Parents may "Opt In" to an event but payment must be made through a Parent Log In.

If any parents are experiencing problems with Compass please contact the office.

Message on Compass regarding EOYA week:

Just a reminder that there are still spaces available in all activities - remember the out of school activities are running everyday from the 9th December until the 13th December. Luna Park, Gumbuya World, Clip n Climb, Movies and Bowling/Tunzafun are all running sessions for 2 days over the week as well.

Below are the links to both movies on offer, if you would like to see a sneak preview.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=bO2BmUW3yoY

www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWh5PSmcAu0

It is a fun week, please join in.

Please remember if your child is going to be **ABSENT** on any of these days during EOYA week (9th to 13th December) or any day in the week following (16th to 19th December) you **MUST** choose the **ABSENT** event for that day. It is a Department of Education & Training requirement that all absences be approved by parents.

Kambrya College Community Associations News



Introducing our COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

Kambrya College Community Associations provide an opportunity for family members and friends of past and present Kambrya students to form a relationship with the school and to contribute to the school community.

The primary motivation for all groups is to build a sense of community.

KAMBRYA COLLEGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (KCCA)

KCCA supports the Principal and School Council by partnering in projects such as parent talks, second hand books & uniforms, fundraising activities and social events that bring the parent community together.

Other **KCCA** activities may include:

- Promoting friendship and support within the Kambrya community through social activities.
- Help raise funds to support school programs (such as the Student Representative Council (SRC) Sub-committee initiatives).
- Liaise with the school council and identify areas in need of funding not provided for within the budgetary limits of the school, and collaboratively set strategies and priorities to achieve fundraising objectives.
- KCCA seeks to maintain contact with our former students and staff as a valued part of our community. Where possible the KCCA will provide assistance when former student groups are organising reunions.

KAMBRYA COLLEGE – FRIENDS OF THE ARTS (FotA)

Friends of the Arts is a friendly and enthusiastic group of supporters who assist the Kambrya College school community with the pursuit of their Arts endeavours and college value of maximising the potential of every student.

Kambrya College Arts comprises:

Dance	Drama	Visual Arts
Media	Music	

Working in partnership with the College's Arts Department, **FotA** members help promote, support and enhance the Arts Department's programs and activities, including fundraising and utilising personal and professional strengths to enrich the College's Arts programs.

Recent highlights for the students and teaching teams have been the Annual School Musical (8 sold out shows!); numerous studio concerts and Evening of Excellence exhibitions showcasing student talents; Winning the People's Choice Award (for the second consecutive year) at the Casey Schools on Stage; and participation at the annual State Schools Spectacular at Melbourne Arena, televised by Channel 7.

FotA will meet approximately six times per year to discuss the goals and needs of the College's Arts community and explore how best to assist in meeting these goals and needs. Friends of KC Arts is not just for parents of present students in Arts, and we warmly welcome any community member who is passionate about arts and art education.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Your Involvement:

We are very aware of how busy people are, so we aim to keep all committee meetings to a minimum (held once per month during school terms only) and most communication is via email. There is no specific commitment required – your support can be as simple as donating an hour or two of your time to a working bee, or buying a raffle ticket for one of the students' fundraising activities.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

If you would like to become a member of a **Kambrya College Community Association**, and be added to our mailing list, please contact School Council President, Catherine English, (english.catherine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) and we will keep you informed about what is happening next within the Kambrya College community and how you can help and participate.

We thank you for your support, and look forward to welcoming you and your family into the Kambrya College Community.

Are you blind or have low vision?

Get Active, Get Fit and Have Fun!

CARDINIA LIFE

GET ACTIVE

**6 week Gym and Leisure Program
Designed for teens - but all ages welcome**

Join in!

If you're interested, email Allie
allie@blindsports.org.au
or call 0438 396 233.

**Cardinia Life Leisure Centre
(Olympic Way, Pakenham).**

This program is supported by VicHealth, Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria and Cardinia Life.



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