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9-12 Newsletter Report

Welcome back to the 2016 school year!

Positive Start to the Year

The 9-12 Campus has had a very positive start to the 2016 academic year. With a focus on high expectations in regard to work standard, work ethic and behaviour, students have been extremely positive. Student behaviour data from 2015 was outstanding with the number of red cards issued being less than half the previous year. The Student Wellbeing Team is continuing to work with students to maintain these excellent standards. The focus for 2016 will be on improved standard of work and improved work effort and work ethic. This will lead to improved student performance and results.

Uniform, Lateness and Attendance are also three key areas that the Wellbeing Team will focus on this term. Wearing of full school uniform has been pretty good this year and it was interesting to note that there is a high correlation between wearing of uniform and positive behaviour within the classroom. We request support from parents to ensure that your child is in full school uniform – please send a note if there is a reason they are not able to be in full uniform for a day. In addition we are able to assist families having difficulty in purchasing new uniform items.

Please also encourage your child to bring a drink bottle for water in the classroom. We encourage staff and students to take on the H2O challenge – replacing sugary drinks for water. High energy drinks such as Red Bull and Mother are NOT PERMITTED at school and will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Please encourage your child to make healthy choices in their nutrition.

Awards Night

I would like to start by congratulating all students who were acknowledged at the 2015 Annual Awards Night in December last year. We were privileged to have former students, Millie Ferguson and Jake Panter present their journey since finishing school. Millie has just finished a double degree and is a qualified Sports and Exercise Scientist and has just been accepted into Physiotherapy, whilst Jake is a qualified paramedic. Both students had similar messages: “take advantage of every opportunity as these lead to more opportunities” and “you will experience the most growth when you go outside your comfort zone”. Some pretty strong and inspiring messages for all of our students.

Significant Awards from last year include:

Dux – Davide Lombarda

Caltex All Rounder Award – Mckenzie Jones

VCAL Student of the Year – Harry Crossley
Brett McGough “Living the Dream” Award – Steph Pfeiffer
Bruce Hargreaves Sports Award – Abbey Jones
Alexandra Park Significant Contribution Award – Georgia Ralph
Masonic Musical Scholarships – Maddison Warner and Tom McCarty
Year 12 Endeavour Awards – Sophie Beamish and Stacey Martin
Year 11 Overall Academic Excellence Award – Harry Whinray
Year 11 Endeavour Awards – Montana Russell and Marcus Starr
Year 10 Overall Academic Excellence Award – Caitlin O’Dwyer
Year 10 Endeavour Awards – Darcy Norman and Hannah Notley
Year 9 Overall Academic Excellence Award – Jordy McCarthy
Year 9 Endeavour Awards – Elise Freeman and Spencer Levesque
Moira Shire Citizenship Award – Jordy McCarthy
Senior Athlete of the Year – Darcee Cowell and Cody Howard

Congratulations to all subject and other award winners – a full list will appear in the 2016 copy of the College Magazine, “Spillway”.

As part of the Awards Night we also inducted the 2016 College Leadership Group. We welcome:

College Captains – Tayla Mollison and Harley McCarthy
College Vice Captains – Georgia Ralph and Trent Williams
College Prefects – Chloe Freeman, Emma McQueen, Chantelle D’Antonio, Karah Ialuna, Will Prescott, Harry Whinray

**Year 12 Destinations**

The Class of 2015 have been extremely successful in securing a range of University or TAFE placement, apprenticeships and traineeships, and employment. Of the 51 Year 12 students, 20 completed VCAL and 31 VCE. 19 students applied to VTAC for TAFE and Uni with all 19 students receiving offers and 9 of those receiving their first preference. 16 are undertaking tertiary education at University or TAFE in 2016, 5 have deferred their offers and are taking a GAP year. All 5 are in employment and planning to go to university in 2017. 11 students are in employment, 8 are completing apprenticeships, 5 are completing traineeships, 3 we are still following up and 1 is seeking employment. We are continuing to work with students still seeking employment or those who are working but would be interested in an apprenticeship or traineeship.
Elevate Education Study Seminars

Elevate Education returned again this week to deliver two seminars to students studying a VCE subject. Sessions run included Time Management (and beating procrastination) and Study Sensei. Feedback from students was 100% positive and they have some excellent strategies that they can start to incorporate on a daily basis in order to improve their performance and marks at school. For more detailed information please contact me via email: mccarthy.joanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au and I can share these strategies with you.

Edrolo Trial

The College has followed up a student request to look at signing up to Edrolo, which is a student and teacher resource for a range of VCE studies. Edrolo provides online lessons, tutorials, quizzes, Practice exams and questions, all aimed at complementing the school program and providing additional help and resources to students. The cost of the program is $100 per student and we would be looking at a $50 student charge and $50 subsidised by the College. I have organised for a free trial for the rest of Term 1, which will give staff and students a chance to have a look at this resource and see if it is a worthwhile investment. More details to follow…..

Swimming Carnival

7-12 students are gearing up for the Annual Swimming Carnival being held next week on Wednesday 24th February. Students need to be dropped off directly at the pool and all buses will deliver students to the pool, rather than school. In house meetings this week House Captains and Vice Captains were elected. Congratulations to::

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We welcome families to come along for the day and enjoy a fun-filled day at the pool!
Year 9 Future Makers Program

The Year 9 group has made a seamless transition into the senior school, quickly adapting the philosophy and approach expected of a senior student. They have also worked really well in the introduction to the Future Makers Program, engaging in some great classes as part of PPL as well as Science/SOSE. Students are starting to get prepared for the 12-day experience at Mt Bogong which takes place in the first two weeks of Term 2. We look forward to some great photos and stories of their adventures!

Nationally Recognised Training

**HLTAID063 Provide first aid**
This flexible delivery model is ideal for the busy person who can't afford to take two days out of their schedule. Delivered by a local paramedic in a fun & engaging way.

Note: early enrolment is essential to allow time for online component to be completed prior to class.

- **Date:** Friday 11th March
- **Time:** 9:00am – 5:00pm
- **Cost:** $150 (GST Free)

**HTLAID061 Provide CPR**

Learn the current techniques and methods of CPR.

- **Date:** Friday 11th March
- **Time:** 9:00am – 1:00pm
- **Cost:** $65 (GST Free)

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