

SCHOOL DETAILS

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SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Aspiring Together

SCHOOL VISION

“Students learn by using the strategies that enable them to confidently and independently engage with the curriculum.”

SCHOOL VALUES

Pursuit of excellence
Respect for the individual
Integrity
Teamwork
Healthy environment

2016 TERM DATES

TERM 1

28th January – 24th March

TERM 2

11th April – 24th June

TERM 3

11th July – 16th September

TERM 4

3rd October – 20th December



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to term 3. The first 4 weeks have flown by. Students have settled into new subjects in years 9 and 10 for semester 2. Year 12 VCE students are on the last leg of their journey before final exams. Students will finish course work this term. They must spend their next break preparing for exams. When they return in term 4 they will have practice exams and also have the opportunity to iron out any problems with their teachers.



Attendance:

Students need to be at school every day and be on time. If a student misses just one day a week then over the year they will have missed more than a whole month of school. This makes it very difficult for them to keep up with their work. Over their 6 years in secondary education they will miss 240 days which amounts to 1.25 years.

IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Uniform:

Students do the school proud when they attend excursions in full uniform. Parents are reminded that wearing of blazers is compulsory for students to attend a school excursion. There are very good reasons to wear school uniform as outlined in our uniform policy:

'A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.'

If you are unable to get to LOWES our official uniform supplier, we now stock the school uniform at the school! You will need to make an appointment to see Donna Demasi, the School Business Manager. Alternatively, if you send the money with your child they can purchase the uniform through Mrs Demasi. If the student is purchasing the uniform they will be given a receipt to take home.

If you have any concerns please contact the office on 93040400.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

Laptops:

Students are reminded that they need to bring their laptops to school every day. Laptops provide a tool for powerful learning inside and outside the school. Students can readily access information – although they need to check its source and correctness. They can use Youtube.com and other sites to view instructional footage on any topic they need. They also need to take care of their devices to get the maximum use from them.

Curriculum:

Teachers are currently updating their curriculum to align with the Victorian Curriculum. This will include a new subject at years 7 & 8 to be introduced in 2017 called Digital-technology

Digital Technologies provides students with the opportunity to acquire and apply specific ways of thinking about problem solving to create innovative, purpose-designed digital solutions.

Computational thinking is at the core of this curriculum. It is a way of analysing problems and precisely and logically designing solutions that can be understood and carried out through the use of programming languages. Design and systems thinking also contribute to the problem-solving approach in this curriculum.



60% of new jobs require skills by only 20% of the workforce



75% of the fastest growing occupations require science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related skills and knowledge



40% of Australian jobs are at risk of being automated in the next 10 to 15 years



Australia has 600,000 Information Communications Technology (ICT) workers



Australia will need an extra 100,000 ICT workers by 2020



Only 20% of ICT workers are women

Source: Australian Computer Society, Queensland Government

As we are regularly reminded this is the area where the greatest growth in future employment is liable to take place. Students need to be able to adapt to changing technology and forms of employment

Students:

Congratulations to Stephanie Marchant of year 8 who is one of three students (the youngest and only female) who has been selected to participate in the Intel Computer Clubhouse Network Teen Summit. The students all belong to the Meadow Height's Education Centre's Computer Clubhouse. She will be attending Boston University between July 26 and August 1.

Facilities:

This term the old auto building will be removed from our site. This is a relocatable classroom that is above our entitlement and also contains asbestos. The move will take place when no students are at school. This will provide us with more open area, this time with a hard surface, for students to make use of.

Social Media and Our School:

Social media can provide an enjoyable way to socialise online and keep you connected with what is going on in your school community.

While these technologies can be great for sharing ideas and keeping in touch, don't forget that comments about your school community can have greater impact than expected and can have very real consequences for the reputations of yourself and others.

Tips for helping you and your child achieve positive online communication are available on our website and from the front office

A MESSAGE ABOUT ATTENDANCE

Ensure that your Child attends school on all designated school days. Only allow your child to be absent from school if there is a legitimate reason such as illness and always provide a medical certificate, that way the absence is looked at as an approved absence. Immediately notify the school if your child is going to be absent. When your child returns to school send a note with them which clearly outlines the reason for your child's absence. Ensure your child is on time for school every day and does not make it a habit to leave school early on a daily basis or arrive late, School is from 9am to 3:10pm!

IMPROVING ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY RATES OF OUR STUDENTS

Students need to attend school on a regular basis and to be punctual (at school by 8.45am). Students who have attended appointments prior to coming to school must supply a medical certificate upon signing in for the day.

Permission to Leave School—Appointment:

If a student must leave school during the day for a pre-arranged appointment, a written note must be presented or a phone call made to the office before 8:45 a.m. The note needs to include date, time of release, reason for absence, and telephone number to verify the release. The permission to leave the building must come from a year level leader or the principal via the Attendance Office. If any student is feeling unwell throughout the day, the student must report to First Aid. **AT NO POINT SHOULD STUDENTS BE CALLING/TEXTING PARENTS VIA MOBILE PHONES TO PICK THEM UP WHILST STUDENTS ARE IN CARE OF THE COLLEGE.**

Extended family Holidays:

If you do wish to **apply for approval** for an **extended absence** please complete a form which can be obtained from the attendance office or general school office and submit the request to the attendance office at **least 4 weeks in advance** of the proposed absence.

If approval for an extended absence is granted:

- Students need to see each teacher before they leave so that they can fill in a “work to be completed” form ,On return from the absence, the student and a parent will be requested to attend an interview with their Level Leader to support their transition back into classes and to submit work that has been completed.

HOW MANY DAYS HAS YOUR CHILD MISSED IN A SEMESTER?

0-7days	This is within normal range. A student with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.
8-10days	This attendance rate is below average. A student with this attendance rate could miss over one year of School learning between years 7 to 12.
11-20	This is a poor attendance rate. A student with this attendance rate could miss one year and one term of learning between year levels 7 to 12.
20+	This is a very poor attendance rate. A student with this attendance rate could miss over two and half years of schooling from years 7 to 12 without realizing.

OUR OWN "SPECTACULAR" SINGERS!

We are very excited to have some of our own students participate in the 2016 "Victorian State Schools Spectacular" at the Hisense Arena.

3,000 students from across Victoria participate in this most professional show. Audience members will be treated to grand singing, dancing, circus acts and colourful costumes. Our students to perform in the "Spectacular" mass choir for the show: Isabella Baldacchino, Samantha Clarke, Stephanie Marchant and Sena Ozdemir. The students enjoyed their recent trip to the city for the very first mass choir rehearsal. The show will be performed on Saturday 10th September (tickets available from Ticketek) and televised later in the year on Channel 7. Please consider taking the whole family along to enjoy this spectacular show.



TELESCOPE VIEWING NIGHTS

Telescope nights for term three are:

Tuesday week 4 (2nd August) 6pm

Thursday week 7 (25th August) 6pm

Monday week 10 (12th September) 6pm

Meet at B block!

Anyone welcome, parents, family, friends....

Thanks

Michelle Stephenson

-Sciences Coordinator

MORELAND CYBER SAFETY FORUM

Computers and the internet are great for entertainment, finding information and communicating, however there are dangers and it is important to protect yourself.

Leading Senior Constable Lippiart of the Victorian Police will talk about cyber safety, including passwords, scams and meeting people online.

-2 pm, Friday 2 September, Coburg Library

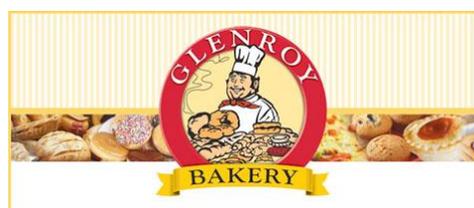
-2 pm, Friday 16 September, Fawkner Library

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or phone 9353 4000**

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