

Principal's Message



The new College year has started well. With Headstart last year, students have transitioned into their new classes and are working well with their teachers and each other on their learning.

Our Year 7's have also had a great start and when staff and I spoke to them at their first assembly, their feedback about our extended transition in 2016 was very positive and this helped relieve any anxieties they may have had about attending our College. Our student numbers have increased since 2016 and we have formed an extra group at Year 8.

On behalf of our College families, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and their families and also to our new staff. We are very lucky to be able to attract such good staff to our College. Jemma Lowther has joined the Physical Education/Health Faculty (she also teaches Humanities), Dallas Kunig and Rachael Roberio have both joined the English/Humanities Faculty and Michael Ashworth-King has joined the Mathematics/Science Faculty.

I would also like to let you know about a shared leadership position with Lakes Entrance Primary School. Sarah Harrison has accepted a Leading Teacher position which encompasses both schools. Sarah spends half of her week at the primary school and half of her week with us. I feel Sarah's role will further help bring our two schools together and improve the transition of students from Grade 6 into Year 7. I would also like to let you know that Sue Taylor has accepted a music position at Orbost Secondary College and we wish her well as she takes the next step in her career.

Over the vacation, Philip Davey has been very busy organising tradesmen and the works around the College. You will notice improvements regarding pathways and access. Also two rooms have been refreshed and painting has been completed. There are also a number of other activities that have occurred and will occur over the next two weeks. This year our Year 12's started the year with a retreat at Mingling Waters. The students spent time working together and bonding as a group and learning about skills that would help them throughout the year. This week on Wednesday we have our annual Year 7 Information Evening to which all Year 7 parents and students are warmly invited. The annual Swimming Sports will also be held on Tuesday and the Year 7 camp to Bogong next week.

May I finish off by asking for your continued support on the matters of uniform and student attendance. Please continue to work with us to ensure your child is in uniform and attending each day. If we can be helpful with these matters, please contact the appropriate Year Level Coordinators.

Until next time,
Kind regards,

Craig Sutherland
Principal

Upcoming Events

February

17th February
Curriculum Day
(Pupil Free)

20th – 24th
February
Year 7 Orientation
Camp

27th – 28th
February
Year 10 Outdoor
Education Camp

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March

2nd March
East Gippsland
Swimming Sports

9th March
Year 7
Immunisations

13th March
Labour Day
(Pupil Free)

16th March
School Photo Day





Public Notices

Office Notices:

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Forms and information about claiming the \$225.00 CSEF are available from the office

Year 8 Ballarat Camp

Year 8 camp information forms are available at the office. Camp costs \$475 from 20th March – 24th March. Please have your forms & \$50 deposit back to the office by Wednesday 1st of March.



SWAN REACH HOCKEY CLUB

HOOK in2 HOCKEY

Swan Reach Hockey Club is a family club with an emphasis on good sportsmanship and fun! The Hook in2 Hockey Program is a great way to encourage younger players to learn a new sport, meet new people and have some fun! We encourage everyone to have a go! Regardless of skill ability!(Kids over 5 years old).

We will be running a 5 week programme starting on the 25th February at gam at the Swan Reach Recreation Reserve. 25th Feb, 4th 18th 25th March, 1st April.

Hook in2 Hockey will be ran by our accredited coaches and senior Swan Reach Hockey Club committee members.

For more information please go to:

<http://hookin2hockey.com.au/program-finder/>

search Swan Reach Hockey Club and click to register, If you are going to participate we advise to register prior to the program starting so your starter kit arrives on time (but don't panic the club will be able to supply sticks etc. until the starter kit arrives). We will also be available to help people register on the first day so please bring a credit or debit card with you.

(Please note the cost says \$85 because Hockey Vic has stipulated this price, however we will be giving everyone a refund of \$30 bringing the cost down to \$55, this price includes everything the kids will need to start hockey)



Student Leadership Council

Nic Fisher

The Student Leadership Council (SLC) has had a very enthusiastic start to 2017 with 15 students stepping up to represent the Senior school and recruiting from Year 7 well under way. The SLC is looking forward to performing the vital role of representing students' views in 2017 by continuing to engage with the College leadership team and organizing highly popular social events for the students. Our priorities for this year include: a variety of engaging lunchtime activities for students, team building and leadership activities for SLC members and representing Lakes Entrance Secondary College within the wider community. We encourage everyone to come along and join the fun.



Instrumental Music

Kees Dogger and Michelle Lee-Dogger

Last year our students featured in both the College jazz band and College orchestra which performed at many events throughout the year, including: Anzac Day, the huge East Gippsland Music Festival, Toorloo Arm Primary School Writers' Festival, several nursing homes, the amazing AUSTA Strings Day at Sale and other local primary schools. Our final concert for 2016 was at the College's presentation night where we helped celebrate the wonderful achievements of LESC students.



This year our students have already performed with the massed String Ensemble at the Farmers' Market at Bairnsdale Secondary College. It is very early in the year to be performing at such a high standard so the College sends a big thank you to Holly McKenzie and Emily Lapedota for starting on such a high note.



Students can learn all sorts of musical instruments at Lakes Entrance Secondary College. We have two specialist music teachers who come in on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays to teach flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar, drums, violin, viola, cello and double bass. The College has a large list of new students who wish to learn an instrument, and who have already started lessons, so we anticipate a very successful year in music for 2017.

Message from the Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing team is a vital part of the College. We ensure that your child feels supported both educationally and emotionally whilst attending the College. Student planners were distributed on the first day of term to all students. We would like all students to take their planners to every class and use these for:

- Recording important College dates
- Recording due dates for assignments and homework
- Issuing of out of class passes
- Timetable adjustments and study planning

Well done to the majority of our students on such a wonderful start to the year. Keep up the good work! We do still have a minority who are wearing the wrong shoes to College. If you are having trouble purchasing uniform items please contact the College. Every student has been allocated a locker. Bags must remain in lockers throughout the day. This is to ensure the safety of our students in regards to long term back injury. You can purchase a combination lock from the General Office for \$12.00 or bring your own lock from home if you would prefer.

VCE News

Lesley Falk

Year 12 students attended a retreat at Mingling Waters in Nowa Nowa on 31st Jan and 1st Feb. The aim of the retreat was to provide students in VCE, VCAL and VET with skills that will help them successfully traverse the next ten months. Students participated in two workshops provided by Elevate Education. The presenter introduced strategies to help students 'study smarter' using a number of memory techniques and organisational methods for revision.

Bernie McHugh and Lyn Neville lead a discussion on the importance of nutrition and sleep and lead the group in a short meditation. A number of VCE teachers also visited the retreat and participated in some team building exercises.

Feedback from the students stated that the retreat was a positive experience and they felt that they could take some of the strategies they had learned and apply them to their study this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 12 students on their positive approach to the workshop and for their participation



VCAL News

Josh Cormack-VCAL student correspondent

It is with great excitement that VCAL students announce their first event of the year-the much anticipated Boardies Day, which will be held on the 30th of March. This will be an out of uniform day for students who make a gold coin donation. A barbeque lunch will be on offer, with drinks available for \$2 each, or indulge in a drink and a sausage for only \$3. There will also be mini-golf for those who fell like a bit of a challenge. All proceeds will go to the Lakes Entrance Surf Life Saving Club, which performs a vital role in the community.

Year Level Coordinators and Additional Support

Year 7: Ms. Sarah Harrison

Year 8: Ms. Dorothy Scott (acting year 8 Coordinator term 1)

Year 9: Ms. Rebecca Brennan

Year 10: Mr. Nic Fisher

VCAL: Mr. John Sentry

VCE: Ms. Lesley Falk

Wellbeing: Ms. Lyn Neville

Adolescent Health Nurse: Ms. Bernie McHugh