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Important dates

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27 Mar	7-12 Assembly
27 Mar	Last Day of Term 1 2:20pm Dismissal
14 Apr	First Day of Term 2

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College Principal's Report

Paul Tozer

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

Congratulations to our College's student leadership group, which has now been finalised with the recent announcement of our Primary School Leaders. Our Secondary Captains, Kadeyn Cox and Caitlyn Cartwright along with Vice Captains, Bec Coney and Zavier Briggs have been joined on the leadership team by primary Captains, Sonia Blackberry and Xander Griffiths and Vice Captains, Joanna Parr and Lachie Rodriquez.

Leadership however, is far more than a title and it is a leader's actions that will define their success. I have no doubt that our current leaders will do an admirable job in their roles as they have consistently shown the qualities that have led to them being acknowledged as captains and they are role models to all in our school community.

While only a small number of students can hold the top student leadership roles, all students can show leadership every day. Our College values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Community and Doing Your Best are an excellent framework for displaying leadership.

When your children get home in the afternoon, it is pretty common to ask them what they did at school. 'Nothing much' or 'I can't remember' is often a response. I think a much better question is what did you learn today, as this can start a great conversation that reinforces the learning that has been done in class. But to develop leadership qualities in your child, asking how they demonstrated a school value would be a fantastic question, which would have them reflecting on how they approached their day in terms of their attitude and behaviours.



**"Kyabram P-12 College
is a Child-Safe School"**

Kyabram P-12 College Council Elections 2020

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for five parent vacancies, two staff vacancies, and two student vacancies on our College Council. If you are an enthusiastic parent, student, staff member or community member interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students.

Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Nominations close on **Friday February 28th 2020 at 2:00pm** and forms are available from the College office.

School Councils play a vital role in the educational opportunities and outcomes of all students at the school. In essence, the role of School Council is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. I would like our parents and staff to consider nominating for Kyabram P-12 College Council in 2020. Nomination forms for College Council will be available to collect from the offices in our school, from Thursday February 20th, 2020 and close on Friday February 28th, 2020. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18th, 2020 at 6:30pm. Please continue reading below for further information.

School Council Elections – Information for Parents

What is a School Council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the college provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's college as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the college is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.
- **A mandated elected Student member category.**

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on college council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election if are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections (if this occurs)
- Contact the Principal for further information.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

<u>Membership category</u>	Term of office	Number of positions
<u>2020</u>		
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	5
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	2
Students	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Paul Tozer

College Principal

Secondary Principal's Report

Todd Woodfine

The Importance of School Attendance

I read an article recently on student absences. It stated; "Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school."

Furthermore, "As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority".

When students attend school on a regular basis, their performance and grades will often improve and they will feel more connected to school and their local community. Students will also develop important social skills and friendships and by attending school regularly, they will set themselves up for a strong future.

In our senior campus, we will be introducing a new initiative to improve and reward student attendance.

Swimming Sports

It was pleasing to see our students, dressed in their house colours attend our swimming carnival on Friday. The behaviour and manner which our students displayed, showcased what wonderful students we have at our College. I would like to wish good luck to all of our students who will represent our College at the Campaspe Swimming Carnival in Echuca on Monday 24th February.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that from Term 1, 2020 there is a new mobile phone policy for all government schools. The policy means that all students are not allowed to use their mobile phones at school. If you bring your phone to school it must be switched off and stored securely in your locker during the school day.

The aim of this policy is to provide:

- a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions
- greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

If you are seen with a phone it will be confiscated and the phone will be handed into the office. A family member will be required to collect the phone at the end of the day between 3:20 and 4:00pm. Please note: students can access and use their phones after 3:20pm.

If you have any concerns regarding the new mobile phone policy, please contact me via the office.



SPECIAL REPORT: Surviving the Final Year

It's no secret that the end of school can be a huge source of anxiety for both students and parents alike. Studies have shown that over 40% of final year students suffer from high-level anxiety or stress, with some even suffering from depression.

It is important to prepare a student's brain for success. Studies show there is a clear link between students taking care of their health, and their overall productivity during the final year of school. Understanding how best to support your child's health and wellbeing during this time will help them perform at their best. The student brain has a lot going on, so understanding how it works will help them get the most out of their brain power. Acknowledge that not all stress is bad. The art is in finding the right balance. Having the right amount of stress can encourage students to be at their optimal level of alertness, and improve behavioural and cognitive performance. It helps tune their brain and focus.

In this Special Report, parents and care givers will be presented with a number of strategies on how best to support their child during the final year at school. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report https://kyabramp-12.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/surviving-final-year



SPECIAL REPORT: Moving To A New School

Moving to a new school is a big deal! Your child is going to meet lots of new people and be thrown into new situations. That's bound to make them feel lots of different emotions. They may feel worried and anxious, but also excited and happy – all at the same time!

It is considered to be one of the most important transition periods of a student's life and can present some significant psychological challenges for both students and parents.

Making new friends, learning new routines, discovering new environments, accepting new cultures and adjusting to new learning practices is all part of the process. Some children will sail through this period of change, whilst others may need a bit more guidance. It is important to give your child the chance to feel comfortable in their new space. This may take a few months, but ensure you keep the lines of communication open and check in regularly with your child to see how they are settling in.

In this Special Report, parents and care givers will be presented with a number of strategies that can be deployed to help ensure a smooth transition. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

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Kyabram P-12 COLLEGE
Prep - 12
Splash and Dash
Colour Run
3rd March 2020
5:00pm - 7:00pm

BBQ from 6:00pm
 Sausages & Drinks \$2 each
 Sno Cones \$1

Registrations from 4:30pm at the Primary Canteen
\$5 Per Person \$15 Per family
 (Or raise the same amount and entry is free)

All proceeds go towards helping our students be active. Plus every dollar raised is one point that goes towards winning the End of year House Cup.

All money due back Thursday 12th March.
 Create you online fundraising page at schoolfunrun.com.au

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fun, water and colour! Run, walk, jog or skip around our 1km track lined with water pistols, bubble wands, misters, colour and more!

Secondary Campus Canteen

	10:45 - 12:00pm	1:00 - 2:15pm
OCTOBER		
Mon 24	Kate Stone	Kate Stone
Tues 25	Help Please	Help Please
Wed 26	Help Please	Help Please
Thurs 27	Help Please	Help Please
Fri 28	Help Please	Kate Stone
MARCH		
Mon 2	Kate Stone	Kate Stone
Tue 3	Help Please	Belinda West
Wed 4	Michelle Panton	Michelle Panton
Thu 5	Help Please	Help Please
Fri 6	PUPIL FREE DAY	

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