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Important dates

7th-16th February

Grade 5/6 Swimming Lessons

17th February

Primary Scholastic Book Club
due

17th-25th February

Grade 4/5 Swimming Lessons

10th February

Year 7-12 Swimming Sports

14th February

Senior Cricket

2nd-4th March

Outdoor Education Unit 1
Torquay Surf Camp

8th March

Years 7-12 Badminton

*Please view Compass
Calendar for further details*

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

Acting Principal's Report

Kate Whitford

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome

The students have made a great start to the school year with all classes very settled. The yard has been calm and friendly, with the overall atmosphere across the school being very positive.

I would particularly like to welcome our new families who are either starting their school journey in Prep, Year 7 or who have joined us from other areas and other schools. A big thank you to our dedicated staff who have worked tirelessly over the break to ensure that everything was ready for the start of the year. The thorough planning that has gone into these first weeks of school set us up beautifully for what promises to be a great year.

We also welcome the following new staff to the college and wish them all the best as they start their journey at Kyabram P-12 College:

1. Teaghen Taylor – Prep
 2. Jaimie Nolan – 5/6
 3. Karen McCulloch – Maths
 4. Josh Thurston – Physical Education
 5. Courtney Storen – Arts
 6. John Fraser – Technology
 7. Caitlin Udy – Humanities
- Emma McGrath – Disability Inclusion



I would also like to welcome and introduce our Wellbeing Dog, 'Gertie' the Groodle. Gertie is part of the Dogs Connect program which focusses on mental health, wellbeing and resilience.



The Principal Team

With Paul Tozer continuing his role at the Regional Office and Tom Mangan now at Nanneella, there has been some changes to the roles of the Principal team for Term 1. I will remain in the Acting College Principal Role, Todd Woodfine steps into the Primary Principal seat and Louise Mellington will once again be our Secondary Principal.

Building Relationships

Our school year begins with a deliberate focus on building strong relationships between our staff, students and entire school community. We believe building strong relationships to be the most effective way of building a positive climate in a classroom and school. When students (or adults) feel valued and safe they are naturally more willing to have a go and in turn achieve better results in all aspects of their schooling (and life). In recent years this relationship focus has resulted in fantastic improvements in our 'Student Attitude to School' survey and our 'Staff Opinion' survey both run by the Department of Education across the College.

Covid 19

While many things remain the same each year and we quickly get into the business of learning, Covid has of course brought with it many restrictions and advice which changes what we can do while at school. It has already impacted our staffing and students attendance because they have tested positive or are a close contact. To help manage the situation –

- All staff and students from Year 3-12 are mandated to wear masks inside (unless teaching)
- Parents / visitors drop students at the gate or Check-in via the QR code at the office if a visit is necessary
- Staff and students are encouraged to do a Rapid Antigen test twice during the school week.

If staff or students return a positive result, they must:

- Quarantine for 7 days
- Advise the school about the positive result
- Stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well
- Everyone in their household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days.

Stay up to date

There is a lot to keep track of in a busy school such as Kyabram P-12 College, so I would encourage you to like our Facebook page, log regularly onto Compass, read the newsletter and just contact us if you are unsure in order to keep abreast of what is happening. Please ask lots of questions and seek help and advice if you are unsure of anything. Our staff are amazing and will be more than happy to assist you.

Condolences

On behalf of the College Community I would to send our thoughts to family and friends of Kylie Holman after her tragic passing over the holidays. And also to the family and friends of a past Principal, Lindsay Cooper who recently passed after a long illness.

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Preps First Week



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