





# **Important dates**

15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August
Ky-Fit Bindaree Outdoor
Education Camp

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August
Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp

#### 16<sup>th</sup> August

Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm-6pm

# 17th August PUPIL FREE DAY

State Schools Spectacular 2nd Rehearsal - Melbourne

#### 18th August

Grade 1/2 Twisted Science Echuca

Grade 3-6 Waranga Athletics

22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August Book Week

### 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Book Week Dress Up Parade

29th August -1st September Year 7 Camp Manyung

> 1st September Lone Pine

Please view Compass
Calendar for further details

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

# **Acting Principal's Report**

**Todd Woodfine** 

"Excellence Through Opportunity"

Dear Parents and Friends,

# AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION —— AWARDS 2022 ——

The Australian Education Awards, is the leading independent awards event in the P-12 sector in the country. The awards showcase the top performing schools, principals, department heads and teachers for their outstanding achievements. I would like to acknowledge that our college is the only public school to be named among the eight finalists in the Regional School of the Year category for this year's Australian Education Awards. This is an outstanding achievement for our college community to be recognised as a finalist.

Our student outcomes across Prep to Year 12 have continued to climb significantly in recent years. Furthermore, student, parent and staff survey results are at an all time high. This is another opportunity to recognise the work of our staff for being nominated as a finalist for this elite national award.

The award ceremony is a black tie event, held at Darling Harbour in Sydney and Natalie Bassingthwaighte will host the awards. The winner will be announced on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Our Term 3 Parent / Teacher / Student conferences are being held on **Tuesday**, **16**<sup>th</sup> **August** from 2:00pm - 6:00pm and can be booked online. Students will be dismissed from school at **1:30pm**. As this is usually the beginning of lunchtime there will be **no lunch orders** available on this day.

If your child cannot be collected and need to remain at school, please consent to the Compass event ASAP so we can organise supervision.

Buses will run at the normal time. After School Care for P-6 students will run as normal on this day beginning at 3:20pm, using the regular booking system.



Interviews will be conducted via WebEx or phone so please indicate your preference when booking. Once they close online at 3:00pm Monday 15th, parents will be unable to make late bookings.

#### **Pupil Free Day**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August** is a student free day. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. This is a departmental Professional Practice Day for all staff.

### Safety at Work for School Staff

Everyone in the school community has a right to a safe and healthy learning environment and workplace. All school staff have a right to feel safe at work, and protected from any aggression, violence or behaviour that presents a safety risk.

Instances of violence and aggression towards school staff from parents, carers or other adult members of the school community can have a significant impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of the person who experiences this. The impact can also be felt by the wider school community. No one should be threatened or intimidated at work or at school.

The Department has created a suite of resources to set clear expectations of behaviour and make schools safer for staff, students, and their families.

When parents, carers and school staff work together as one team, our students do better. Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents/carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work.

Parents, carers and school staff have a relationship that can last many years. This is an opportunity to work together to create a positive relationship in the best interests of the child. When this relationship is built on respect and trust, students learn better and feel like they belong in the school.

Todd Woodfine

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# 7-12 Campus Principal Report

### **Louise Mellington**

We are now in Week 5 of Term 3 and we have already packed many activities into the term. Thank you to those staff, students and parents who support all of those extra activities that provide opportunities for our students.

### Uniform – your support is needed

In Term 3 we need to see all students **IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.** Whilst we have the majority of our students wearing correct school uniform, we do have a number of students who are wearing hoodies. These are not part of our school uniform (the Year 12 hoodie is an exception) and need to be left at home. Students in hoodies will be asked to remove them. We have a new college beanie which looks great, with a number of students wearing it. Beanies and hats can be worn in the yard but must be left in lockers during class time. Again, I ask if you are having difficulty sourcing uniform items, please contact the College.

#### **Yard Cleanliness**

It would be great to see parents having conversations with their child around having pride in our school grounds. We have quite a lot of litter that is just dropped on the ground, even when a bin is close by. We are aiming for zero rubbish laying around in Term 3 but the last few weeks have seen much rubbish just left on the ground.

### **Following Instructions**

We are focussing on our students consistently following simple instructions such as coming to class on time and settling down to work. We are adopting a zero tolerance for defiant behaviour where students refuse to follow simple instructions given by teachers. Our students deserve to learn and our teachers want to teach. Please support us as we go through this process of setting high expectations in our College.

### **VTAC Information Night**

This will be held Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm for those Year 12 students looking at applying for University. This will go for no longer than an hour and will be held in the senior building.

#### Year 11 Melbourne Camp

In Week 2 of this term 40 Year 11 students and four staff travelled to Melbourne for a camp. Over the three days students visited universities, workplaces and TAFEs. The Campus tours given by the universities and TAFEs were fantastic with students getting a real taste of what tertiary education can look like. Students also visited the defence forces, police recruiting and a construction site which was an experience for those students going down the path of a trade. Morgan Consulting delivered a session to our students on applying for jobs. Students were particularly engaged in this asking many questions.

We feel that our students gained a real insight to what is out there in the wider world, and their interest was shown in the many questions that were asked at sessions.



# **Primary Principal's Report**

#### **Billy Barnes**

As we approach the halfway mark of Term 3, it is great to see students and staff settle into a smooth routine of teaching and learning. A critical component of the teaching and learning experience is the wellbeing of each student. This term has enabled us to review our recent Attitudes to School survey and look for opportunities where we can further develop student and teacher relationships, address wellbeing concerns and improve the overall school culture through creative and innovative approaches. Watch this space to see what we have planned for the students and parents this term and beyond.

Just a reminder, Prep enrolments for 2023 are being finalised to begin our transition and workforce planning. If you or anyone you know has children who are due to start school next year, or are considering moving to our great college, please encourage them to come and take a look at our fabulous school and start the enrolment process. Now, more than ever, it is crucial that our young children get the opportunity to take part in our transition program.

There is so much happening this term, please ensure you check the calendar of events so as not to miss a thing.

#### Parent/Teacher interview

We will host our Parent/Teacher interviews next Tuesday 16th August, commencing at 2:00pm. School will finish for students at 1:30pm on this day. Please ensure you have communicated your availability with your child's teacher. This can be done via WebEx or over the phone - information has been sent out regarding how to access these interviews online. It is important that parents, teachers, and students all meet to discuss the learning that has occurred this term as it demonstrates to the children that learning and growing is a priority. If your child requires supervision after 1:30pm please make sure you inform the school through Compass or calling the office.

#### **Professional Practice Day**

On Wednesday 17th August, the college will be having a Pupil Free Day. This gives the teachers an opportunity to review their planning to ensure the teaching and learning is delivered to the point of need for all students. Creating an inclusive and effective education for all students at our college is a huge priority for our staff.

#### **Grade 3-6 Waranga Athletics**

Our college will again host the Waranga Athletics day for students in Grades 3-6 on Thursday 18th August. This a fantastic community event which encourages students from around the Kyabram community to come together to participate in sporting events. We encourage parents to come and support the day by cheering on the children. Information regarding uniform, timing and other arrangements for the day was sent out by Carlie Argus this week. I would like to thank Mrs Argus for all her planning and preparations that have gone into such a big effort for our college.

Billy Barnes

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# **Primary Values Awards**

Congratulations to the Weekly Values Award winners.







**Monday 1st August** 







**Monday 8th August** 

## Waranga District Athletics Day Thursday 18th August 2022

Don't forget:



- Come dressed in full school uniform/ sports uniform
- Hat and Sunscreen
- Be prepared for any weather
- Drink Bottle, ample healthy snacks and lunch or money for the BBQ



# Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion

Students arrived safely and very tired from their excursion to Canberra last Friday. No doubt you would have been kept up to date with our photos on our Facebook site. Hopefully your child had a chance to share their adventures! The staff were very happy with the behaviour of the students and their enthusiasm towards the various presenters. We received great feedback from our guides. Many of the students felt the need to go back to Canberra and visit the venues again. So don't be surprised if your child asks to go to Canberra on your next family holiday.

A huge thank you to volunteer parents Sheree Starling and Ben Munro for their assistance. Due to staffing shortages we had to rely on parent participation to help meet the student to adult supervision ratio. We also need to thank the bus drivers from Walters, the staff who attended the camp, and the administration staff at school who helped organise the paper work.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the costs of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school and without it the cost to you would have been \$45 more. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.



# Science Week 2022 Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

The school theme for National Science Week in 2022 is *Glass: More than meets the eye*. Each lunchtime in week 6 there will be glass themed activities occurring in our science rooms. **Check out the schedule below and** come join the fun – learn about glass and prizes to be won each day!!



Day	Activity	Location
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Challenge question	
	'What properties of glass make it a good material for	place answers into a
	protecting solar panels?'	box outside Kate
		O'Neill's office
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	GLASS ART	
	Submit a creative piece that captures "Glass" as the main	Submit artwork to
	image	box outside Kate
		O'Neill's or hand to
		Mrs Curling
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Marble run challenge	
	Create the best run from recycled products with testing	В3
	and refining a run for a marble	
	Hot Glue Glass Fibres	
	model the process of making optical fibres, and compare	B5
	the properties of thermoplastics and silica glass	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Trivia challenge	
	Form a group and come play along to answer some glass	В6
	questions – prizes to be won	

# Studio Art Melbourne Gallery Excursion

### **Courtney Storen**

On Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August Year 11 and 12 Studio Art students embarked on a long journey to Melbourne

to experience world class Art. Many galleries were seen such as the NGV, Australian Centre for Contemporary Arts, ACMI, Fortyfivedownstairs and Anna Schwartz Gallery. A highlight was seeing Top Arts, an exhibition of work from the best students of 2021. All of the students related to the artwork and some are aspiring to enter their work in the coming years. We took a long stroll up Hozier Lane to see interesting and quirky graffiti and

had an exciting dinner out on Lygon street. All in all, an excellent trip that will inspire the students for their artistic practice this year and into the future.











### **CHAPLAINCY DINNER 2022**



# CELEBRATIONS

Friday 2nd September 2022 6.30pm Arrival for a 7pm Dinner **Kyabram Bocce Club** 

#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER **GEORGE MCARDLE LITTLE RIVER BAND**

The Chaplaincy Support Group would love to have your company for the evening. Tables of 10 people are welcome.

#### **Bookings Essential**

Please Reserve a Seat/Meal by Texting or Calling Sue on 0400565052. Alternatively you can Email: fabflowers@bigpond.com

**Drinks are at Bar Prices** 





George McArdle was the original bass player for ARIA Hall of Fame rock band, The Little River Band (LRB). Since leaving the band in 1979 due to a spiritual conversion, George has toured Australia sharing his music and stories of his childhood, LRB, and life-changing God moments. He continues to be involved in musical projects including releasing an album Stingray, and lives in Brisbane, QLD with his wife Roxanne. He has three daughters, Amy, now married to Trentan Kruger, Laura and Georgia.

### Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

Nudeness

- Aggression

- Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- Intimidation
- gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online.

For more information ask your school about the Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy.



