

# INSIDE OUT

## Alexandra Secondary College

Date: - 15th March 2019

### Semester 1 Parent/Student /Teacher Interviews

Interview evening, which is scheduled for Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> is rapidly approaching. Interviews are now 'live' on Sentral and we encourage each of our families to make appointments to discuss how your child can most effectively progress their learning.

Here are some tips to assist you to make the most of the evening.

- Consider attending the evening later rather than earlier. The early time slots from 4-6:30 are usually heavily booked. Timeslots after 6:30 and particularly those from 7-7:45 are usually only lightly booked. You are more likely to be successful in seeing all of your child's teachers if you attend later in the evening.
- Avoid booking your interviews one immediately after the other. Leave a 5 minute time slot between each booking. This will help you to keep to your time schedule and will maximise your allocated time with each teacher.

If you have downloaded the Sentral app please note that interviews will only appear in Portal 1 and not in Portal 2. This applies to only a handful of parents.

### Year 12 Parents information session

Year 12 Parents information session will be held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March at 6pm in the Senior Area.

The session will cover:

Ways parents and families can support and encourage

Study Commitment

Wellbeing and striking a good balance

VTAC, Study Scores & the ATAR, Scaling, Scholarships & SEAS

We wish all Year 12's a wonderful night at their Formal.

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Remember to follow our ASC Facebook page to keep up to date

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#### Dates to Remember-

16th Mar Yr 12 Formal

19th Mar Hume Swimming, Year 12 Info Night

20th P & F AGM @ 7pm

21st Mar Round Robin

27th Mar Parent/student/teacher interviews

28 Mar/ 7th Apr Japanese Tour

2nd/4th Apr NEVR Music Camp

6th Apr Deb Ball

P & F Meetings 3rd Wed of each month @ 7pm.

#### Term Dates-

Term One: January 30th to Friday April 5th

Term Two: Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June

Term Three: Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September

Term Four: Monday 7th October to Friday 20th December

#### Curriculum (Student free)

#### Days-

Wed 22nd May

Fri 7th June

Wed 14 August



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## Principal's Report

Interim reports have been emailed home to families today. We are looking forward to meeting with students and parents to discuss these on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at our Student/Parent/Teacher night. Remember to book your interview times through the Parent Portal on Sentral. We suggest leaving a 5 minute space between interviews to give yourself time to move between teachers. If you are unable to access Sentral please contact the Front Office and they will be able to do the bookings for you.

Yesterday, at our College Investiture Assembly we were privileged to have our Mayor, Ms Sandice McAulay, as our guest speaker. Ms McAulay gave a very personal speech that highlighted how we all have leadership within us that presents daily and in different ways at different stages in our lives. Congratulations to all of our investees; we look forward to watching your leadership develop throughout the year.

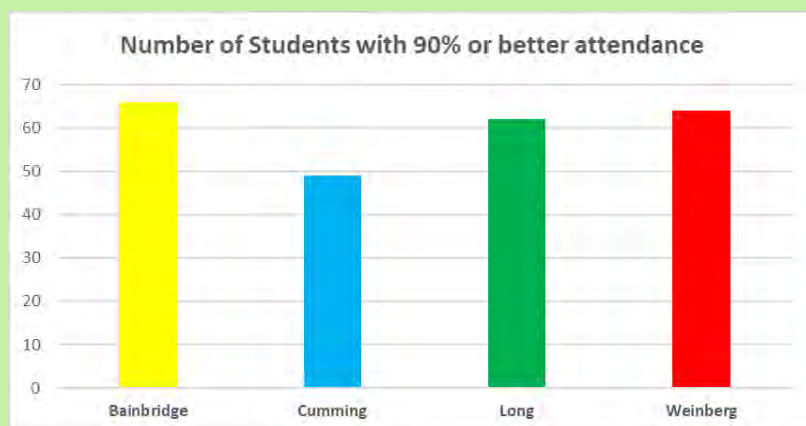
Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students took part in "Elevate" study seminars on Wednesday. These seminars have a huge impact on improving the study skills and retention of learning for our students. Students will have a second seminar in Term 3. Thanks to Mrs Van Lierop for organising "Elevate" and to our "Parents and Friends" group for funding the program.

Thanks to the wonderful organisation of Mr Stephens and Miss Waters, our Year 8s took part in a Medieval day on Wednesday. It was a rich, hands-on day learning about the days of old. Mookie and Nat provided a great "banquet". It was great to see students and staff in costume, getting into the spirit of the day.

It was nice to have our Year 7 students back from their camp at Rubicon Outdoor Centre last week. Rubicon offers a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about their immediate environment and the activities focus on challenge, collaboration and teamwork. This would not be possible without the hard work of the staff who have volunteered to be with the students: Mr Kim, Mr Higgins, Ms FitzRoy, Mr Bartle and particularly Ms Naomi Kenner who put a lot of time and effort into coordinating and making this a positive, rewarding experience for everyone.

Every day of learning makes a positive impact. Congratulations to all of our students who have no more than 3 days absence for the term so far, giving them 90% attendance or greater. Bainbridge have a 2 student lead over Weinberg.

Percentage of students with 90% attendance and above				
	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Year 7	78%	85%	93%	89%
Year 8	75%	82%	80%	76%
Year 9	68%	72%	72%	70%
Year 10	60%	69%	75%	75%
Year 11	70%	79%	81%	86%
Year 12	59%	81%	89%	89%



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## Round Robin

Next Thursday will be the first Round Robin Sports day for the year. Traditionally, we have fared quite well in Volleyball and Cricket, thanks to the training opportunities given to the students at lunchtimes by staff. This year has been no exception.

All students attending must return their permission notes and payment of \$15 to the front office. If you have misplaced your note, you can print a blank permission form from the documents available on the school Sentral portal.

Students are required to be in full sports (Phys Ed) uniform on the day and are reminded to bring sunscreen, water bottles and a packed lunch.

We are looking forward to a fun and action packed day!





*Come along to...*

## **Parents and Friends 2019 AGM with**

**Guest Speaker -  
esteemed teacher**

**Cathy Zerbe**

**When:** 7pm Wed March 20

**Where:** ASC Restaurant

Cathy grew up on an orchard in East Doncaster and after school studied Biological Sciences at Monash University, followed by a Dip Ed.

Whilst studying, she also spent time working for Victorian National Parks Service, undertaking vegetation surveys in north eastern Victoria and helping run interpretive activities for the public during the holidays at Wilson's Prom. Fantastic hands-on work for a science teacher in training!

Cathy has taught widely - Biology, Junior Science, Mathematics, Humanities and Special Education, and Chemistry.

As the guest speaker for the 2019 Parents and Friends AGM, Cathy will talk about her experiences in various educational settings - including London, Melbourne and a Lion Research Camp, in Botswana - and about the things that have inspired and challenged her.

Join us for this most interesting talk at 7pm Wed 20th March at Alexandra Secondary College student restaurant.  
Enquiries Bev Dick 0428 38 4410 or [bevdick3903@gmail.com](mailto:bevdick3903@gmail.com)

## What a great Medieval Day was had!



On the 13<sup>th</sup> of March the year eights at ASC travelled back in time to learn about the lifestyle of the medieval period. The day was filled with activities and lessons about the medieval period. The day started with Heraldry then Weapons & Armour. In Heraldry we learnt about how the kingdoms flags were designed and what 2 colours would go together on a flag. In Weapons & Amour we learnt about the development of the weapons and the armour used in the medieval period. Some were lucky enough to be able to try some of the armour on. After recess it was time for Medieval dance and Archery. In Medieval dance we learnt multiple dances, which were very confusing and made us laugh a lot. In Archery we were given a bow and five arrows and had to shoot at a target.

For lunch we had a medieval feast cooked by Mookie and some year 10's and sat in the science wing and watched Monty Python and The Holy Grail. After lunch was Tournament and Crime & Punishment. In tournament we learnt about how the knights were trained and how they fought. In crime & punishment we learnt about what was considered a crime and how you would be punished for it.

By Louise Hurrey

I would like to thank Mookie, Nat and the group of year 9 students who catered the medieval feast for the students and staff at lunchtime. I would also like to thank Parents and Friends who made a large financial contribution and therefore made the event more affordable for all students.

Ben Stephens

## Year 12 Physics Luna Park Excursion

Last Friday the year 12 physics class ventured to Luna Park. The park was open to only physics classes for the day, so we were lucky to not have to wait in any lines for long.

We have been studying motion lately so it was really important for us to see the concepts in real life, in a way that we will remember, For example dodgem cars and roller coasters. Only a few of us got motion sickness and thankfully none of us dropped our phones from the rides!

All in all a fun way to solidify things we have been learning in class into our minds.

Special thanks to both Ron and Mr Stephens for taking us down there.



## 2019 Deb Ball

The Deb ball for 2019 is fast approaching. Parents and Friends support the ball by providing supper on the night. We ask the P&F community to please donate sweet or savory food for the ball that will be served for supper. The Deb ball has it's own committee and they have organized the whole night. Our responsibility is getting the supper ready for the guests at the ball. We are also looking for 5-6 adult volunteers to help run the night and 4 students to be wait staff and ushers. If you think you may be interested in helping on the night please contact Simone Russell.

This is our main fundraiser for the year and your help would be appreciated.

Thank you  
Simone Russell  
(Minutes Secretary)  
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The buzz and excitement is building, with only three weeks to go until the 2019 Debutante Ball on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Marysville Community Centre. The Debutante couples are putting in many hours of hard work learning their dances, and spending plenty of time discussing dresses, hair, make-up and shoes.

A reminder to all families of Deb participants and to Year 12 students wanting Seated tickets (\$35) that these must be purchased from the front Office by Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Tables will seat 10-12 people, and arrangements will be confirmed once tickets are purchased. Viewing tickets (\$20) are available for purchase from the front Office, and will also be available to purchase at the door on the night of the Ball.

Doors will open at 6:30pm, with all guests requested to arrive by 7pm allowing the proceedings of the evening to begin. Once the official events are completed, Parents and Friends cater a delicious supper of tea, coffee, cakes and deserts for all guests to enjoy.

As with all school events, this Ball cannot run without the help of volunteers. All parents/guardians of Debutantes and their partners should now be volunteering to help with setting up for the event, packing up afterwards and contributing to the supper. Just an hour or two from each family will help spread the load and makes this a great night for all families to enjoy.

Offers of assistance with set-up and pack up can be directed to Melissa Del Conte ([melissadelconte8@gmail.com](mailto:melissadelconte8@gmail.com)).

Offers of food contributions for the Parents and Friends supper can be directed to Bev Dick ([bevdick3903@gmail.com](mailto:bevdick3903@gmail.com)).

## Study Seminar for Year 10s, 11s and 12s

Since 2001, Elevate has been transforming the way study skills programs are run across Australia. Drawing upon over 15 years of research into the habits of the country's top students, Elevate's high impact seminars & workshops help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build confidence, and lift exam performance.

The students were surveyed after their seminar and 98% of students would recommend the seminar to their peers, and 94% of students said attending the seminar was time well spent.

All students now have access to the [au.elevateeducation.com](http://au.elevateeducation.com) where they can access a range of practice questions, presenter tips and a copy of the 'The Science of Student Success'. When students arrive at the Student Portal from this link, a pop up will prompt them to enter a password, which is 'rondo'. This password allows them access to all premium resources.

Thank you to Parents and Friends for financially supporting these seminars which offer study skills and strategies to improve our students performance.



## Careers News

Please see the below Apprenticeship opportunities-

Cert. 3 Business/Retail—Shepparton (CC120319)

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Cert. 3 in Wine Operations Traineeship—Myrtleford (CC070119)

### Homework Club

Homework Club kicked off this week on Wednesday and it was great to see our students take up the opportunity to have some supervised study time. Max Draper, our 2015 College Captain will be running Homework Club each Wednesday from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Students can work independently, or in pairs or small groups and can stay for a short time, or the whole two hours. Max is available to help students across all subject areas. It really is a great opportunity for students to power through some homework, assessment tasks or revise classwork in a relaxed, supportive and friendly environment. Hot chips and gravy will be available each week as an after school treat.

We would love to see some new students attend next week.

Bring a friend along and enjoy!



Project Ready held a Bake Sale and raised \$100 to go to a Queensland Flood effected school. Thanks to Mookie, Nat and students.



# Investiture



Alice Sloan



Bainbridge Captains



Electroheads



Cumming Captains



Bus Captains



Long Captains



SRC Representatives



Weinberg Captains



Year 12 Students



# Year 7 Camp



We arrived at camp after a short bus ride out to Rubicon on Monday morning. To start us off we had a game of capture the flag, the whole year level was split into three teams. After lunch we were split into our groups and introduced to our leaders for the rest of the week. We were also assigned our rooms; the boys were in Goulburn and Sugarloaf, the girls were in Torbreck and Pinniger. That evening we all went regaining with groups of our friends.

Throughout the week we explored our local area doing lots of activities in the great outdoors. Everyone experienced a night camping in tents. We had a relaxed day before arriving at our campsite, after which we set up tents and cooked our own dinner while some of us enjoyed a camp fire. The next day we hiked in the Cathedral Ranges, some groups climbed Sugarloaf and others Jawbone. It was a challenging hike to the top but definitely had a great view. On another day we set out on the Goulburn River rafting. We were taught by our instructors how to move forward, turn the raft and what to do if we fell out. The leaders challenged us to put one raft on top of the other without anyone falling in the water, after sharing ideas and a few laughs we all accomplished this. We enjoyed our time at the camp on the climbing wall, more regaining and the games room.

We all had a great week getting to know people in our year level. Thank-you to all the staff at Rubicon and our teachers for all their hard work.



## **SWIMMING WRAP UP**

Temperatures have dropped and the local pool has closed. Our Physical Education classes have completed their swimming component, and are now doing fitness testing and athletics.

The main focus during our Year Seven swimming program was improving technique for both competitive and survival strokes, with many performing butterfly for the first time. The Year Eight students concentrated on water safety and survival techniques, many completing a 300 metre survival swim, fully clothed. They also performed: entries, floats, sculling, treading water and dry rescues. Both year levels did continuous swims to improve aerobic capacity. Extension work included individual training programs. Year Nine Physical Education classes tested their skills with water polo, an individual triathlon, and a team triathlon. We were very impressed with the application and enthusiasm of our students.

I hope you enjoy the photographs, Anne Nadj (Health and Physical Education)



## Parental use of Sentral

Using Sentral, our e-platform is an excellent way to view a myriad of information relating to your child.

If you have not as yet registered for Sentral, it is essential that you do so in the coming days. Our Semester One Parent/Teacher interview evening is coming up on March 27<sup>th</sup> with interviews going live on Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>. An active registration is needed in order to make online appointments. If you have not as yet registered and would like assistance to do so, please contact Maxine Lopez in the front office.

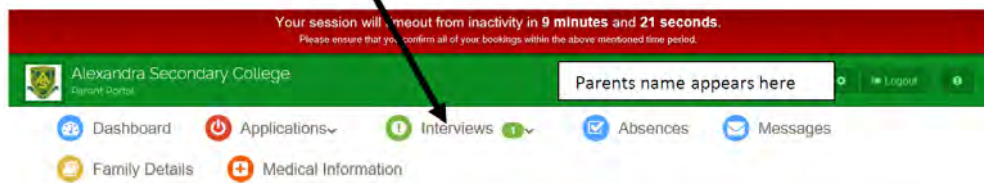
Please note that a variety of Sentral 'How to' guides are easily accessible for your convenience on our website at <http://asc.vic.edu.au/>. These can be located at the bottom of the 'Home page'. Guides include:

- Sental Instructional Video
- Register on Sentral
- A Parent's Guide to Sentral
- Accessing Homework Calendars on Sentral
- Accessing Student Wellbeing Records on Sentral
- Checking Attendance Records on Sentral
- How to book Parent Teacher Interviews on Sentral

General questions regarding Sentral may be directed to Jacki Tossol at [tossol.jacalyn.i@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tossol.jacalyn.i@edumail.vic.gov.au)

For your convenience, step-by-step instructions for booking interviews have been included below.

1. Log in to Sentral
2. Click on the green 'Interviews' tab at the top of screen. This will only appear when interviews are live – which will take place at 4pm on Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Prior to this time interviews will *not* be visible. Please note that instructions will appear on the screen to guide you through the online booking process.



All of your children's names and those of all of their teachers will appear on the one screen. Simply click on the drop down box to secure a time.

Subject	Class	Teacher	Appointment Time
Advanced Science 10 Sem 2	Later Yrs_AS102	Miss Penny STELIART	9:00am
English 10 Sem 2	Later Yrs_EN102	Ms Annabelle WILSON	9:10am
Lifeskills 10 Sem 2	Later Yrs_LF102B	Ms Annabelle WILSON	9:20am
Maths 10 Sem 2	Later Yrs_MT102	Mrs Catherine COLLETT	9:30am

Please note that Sentral will not allow you to double book appointment times.

You will have the capability to cancel a booking and select a new booking time if the original time no longer suits you.

Options exist to print the screen showing all interview times or to export to iCal.

Sentral will automatically email you a copy of your confirmed interview times.