

INSIDE OUT

Alexandra Secondary College

Date: - 27th April 2017

College Social

It's time to pull out your flannel shirts and cowboy boots to start getting ready for a once in a lifetime hoe-down, because the College Social is fast approaching and our theme for 2017 is Country! Next Friday night, 5th May, the College Hall will be transformed into a Country and Western haven where students from all year levels can dance the night away! Yee Haw!!

The social is the main fundraiser for our Year 12 students, with all money raised going towards the Year 12 Formal and Graduation at the end of the year. Students from across all year levels are encouraged to attend, as it is always a fun filled and highly energetic night!

Our Year 12 students will be hosting the night with the Electroheads coordinating a spectacular show of music and lighting! There will be an array of competitions throughout the evening, including dance-offs and best dressed participants.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase, thanks to the generosity and hard work of our Parents and Friends Committee.

Tickets cost \$10 and are on sale now at the Cafeteria throughout recess and lunch times. You can also purchase tickets at the door for \$12 each.

We hope to see y'all there!



WEEK 2

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Dates to Remember-

Tues 2nd May
Southern Ranges Athletics

Fri 5th May
Yr 12 Social

Mon 8th/12 May
Yr 8 Camp

Tue 10/12 May
Yr 7 & 9 NAPLAN

Wed 10th May
Yr 12 Event Seymour,
Alice Sloan visit

Mon 15th May
Cross Country

Mon 22/26
Yr 7 Camp

Tue 23rd May
Round Robin

Term Dates-

Term Two: Tuesday 18th April
To Friday 30th June

Term Three: Monday 17th July
To Friday 22nd September

Term Four: Monday 9th Oct
to Friday 22nd December

Curriculum (Student free)

Days-

Friday 9th June

Wednesday 16th August



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Principal's Report

It has been a very busy week for teachers. On Monday all teaching staff were working busily in their faculties on rubrics aligned with the new Victorian Curriculum. The aim is to get these rubrics into the hands of our students so that students can always easily see which skill level they are at and importantly 'how' to get to the next level. Year 7s will be the first to benefit from this huge piece of work we have undertaken. This work has already been picked up by the History Teachers association as an exemplar for other schools in Victoria. Mrs Collett is doing a fantastic job leading the Curriculum in our college.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and students in for learning conversations with their teachers on Wednesday night. It is so important that we are all working together to set future learning goals, look at areas to improve and acknowledge successes made. Thanks to Mrs Tossol, Mrs Dundas, Mrs Parker, Mrs Malcolm and Mr Gillespie for their involvement in the organisation of the evening.

Uniform is something our College community wants and supports. It is part of taking pride in yourself. With the cooler weather we have many options for students to be warm and in uniform. Layers are the key to keeping warm. Plain long sleeved white, grey or black skivvy's under the College shirt are permitted. Please remember that hoodies are not allowed at school.

Our parent's views make a difference. Recently there was a parent concern about us showing an M-rated movie to Year 8s, 'The Hunger Games', as part of a comparative study with the novel. This concern led to a discussion amongst the English faculty and Management. We decided we agreed with the concern and that despite the short timeline, letters having already having been sent home to inform parents and cost that we would change the topic to the study of 'Red Dog', which has a PG rating. A further consequence will be a modification of the College's policy on viewing movies of different ratings. We are very thankful to the hard work, flexibility and reflective nature of our Year 8 English teaching team for making this change and our parents for being proactive.

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YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 camp at Rubicon Outdoor Centre is fast approaching! In week 6, we will be bussing off to Rubicon for a wonderful week away where students will go rafting, journeying, canoeing, bush cooking and walking in our local area. The students will have the opportunity to get to know all of the other Year 7's and create strong relationships with the teachers on the camp. They will also learn many important skills such as goal setting, resilience, teamwork and persistence!

Please remember to hand in your forms (consent forms and Rubicon medical information form) as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers! Final payment date is the 4th of May however please bring back your forms sooner.

- When:** Monday, 22nd May – Friday 26th May. 9am Monday - 3.20pm Friday.
Students who normally catch the school bus to and from school will be able to do so on Monday morning and Friday afternoon.
- Where:** Rubicon Outdoor Centre and local outdoor venues
- Who:** Year 7 students and staff
Rubicon Outdoor Centre staff will lead the activities
- Cost:** \$170
[This can be paid off in instalments.](#)

Final payment Due: Wednesday, 4th May

*** Please note that the College has EFTPOS facilities for your convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the camp please feel free to call or email me, Annabel Wilson, here at the college. I also have spare forms for those who may need another copy.

I hope you are looking forward to the camp as much as I am!

Regards,
Annabel Wilson (Teacher and camp co-ordinator)