**College news**

**House Swimming Sports**

On Thursday the 18th of February our House Swimming Carnival was held at the Swan Hill town pool. In pleasant conditions, our students and staff put on a terrific event. The Year 12 parade was a highlight with excellent costumes on display. Almost all lanes were filled, with excellent participation being shown. Thank you to students for their great participation and behaviour. Well done to the staff for running the day so smoothly.

Congratulations to the following record breakers:
- Chayse Tonkin - 16 boys backstroke and freestyle
- Brittany Dunstone - 14 girls breaststroke
- Jun Kim - 13 boys backstroke and freestyle

The next level of swimming is the Swan Hill District finals today, 26th of February. We wish our swimmers the best of luck.

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**VCE Information Evening**

The College VCE Information Evening will be on Monday 7 March. This session is targeted towards parents of current VCE students, both Year 11 and Year 12, and will cover the requirements for the year. All parents of VCE students are encouraged to attend.

**Online assessment**

By now most students will be undertaking an assessment task for at least one of their subjects. Parents are now able to check feedback for that task online using Daymap, the College Learning Management System. Parents are also able to check student attendance and work requirements on Daymap. Login details have already been distributed to parents of Year 7 students and will shortly be mailed out for all other parents.

**Students arriving late or leaving early**

Parents are reminded to send a note with their child if they will be arriving late to school or leaving school early. Students are to sign in/out at their sub school and present their note to either Kenny of Carinda when doing so.

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**Swan Hill College Calendar 2016**

February 26: Interschool Swimming sports
March 1: Year 7 immunisations
March 2: Clontarf cup and carnival
March 3: Year 10 Choose Survival session P1-2
March 4-5: Year 7 Bonding Days
March 7: VCE Information evening 6pm in Harrison Hall
March 10-11: Year 8 and 9 Clontarf leadership camp
March 14: Labour Day holiday
March 15: Year 9 Alpine interviews
March 10: Year 10 Motivational Media
March 15-17: Year 11 VCAL camp to Rowsley
March 16: House athletics

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**Principal: Intra Blake, Andrew Sartori and Julie Robertson**

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