



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome back

I hope all members of the College community had a restful break and are enthusiastic about beginning the school year. We have already begun the term with students being acknowledged. This included Megan Williamson, Brittany Dunstone and new Year 7 student William Eastwood. These awards were in recognition of their contribution to the College and wider community, and were presented at the Australia Day Breakfast last Friday. A special welcome goes to our new staff: Mark Snel (Maths/Science) and Jason Kreuger (FLO Literacy).

### Tertiary placement

With the recent release of university offers, it was pleasing to see that students from country towns have access to such a diverse range of careers. A significant number of our students who applied for tertiary placements received first round offers for their preferred courses. Students gained entry into courses such as Accounting, Education, Nursing, Social Work, Criminology, Medicine, Osteopathy, Engineering, Arts, Commerce, Law, Music, Computer Science, Journalism, Fashion, Physiotherapy, Aviation and Science at a range of universities across Victoria and interstate, including Monash University and the University of Melbourne. We wish our graduating students the best for the next step in their educational journey.

### High expectations of all

One of the College's values is high expectations. We expect our students to give their best in everything they attempt. Students need to come to school and classes ready to learn with all of their equipment and a positive attitude. We expect students to wear with pride the correct College uniform and staff will consistently enforce this.

Students are reminded that the only jewellery allowed is sleepers or studs in ears and a wristwatch. Mobile phones and valuables should be locked in students' lockers. These expectations allow teachers and students to focus on learning in the classroom.

The Department of Education's Education State policy has a clear focus on high expectations across the system. Schools have clear plans in place to continue to improve school outcomes. The Education State has set targets which are about the whole child - from maths and science to resilience and staying in education. Schools have been provided with resources to allow them to plan for the individual needs of the schools.

At Swan Hill College we will continue to set high expectations academically, physically and emotionally for our students, and provide the support necessary for them to achieve their best. We encourage parents to be part of this partnership through their attendance at information evenings and special events during the year.

Julie Robertson

## New Staff to Swan Hill College



Swan Hill College welcomes Jason Kreuger and Mark Snel

## Swan Hill College Calendar 2018

FEB 13	House Swimming Sports
FEB 14	School Photos
FEB 14-16	Year 12 Clontarf Leadership camp
FEB 15	Year 7 immunisations
FEB 20	PBS training
FEB 22	Student free day - whole staff PD day
FEB 22-23	Year 7 Clontarf induction camp
FEB 23	Inter Swimming Sports
FEB 26	Year 7 meet the teacher BBQ, 6pm in Harrison Hall

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year school photos will be taken on Wednesday 14th February for all year levels. Leading Image will be taking student and staff photos throughout the day, and will be available to take family photos during recess and at the start of lunch. It is hoped that notes and envelopes will be distributed to students next week. Online ordering is available as well as the normal cash/cheque in the envelope payment option. If using the latter option, students need to bring their envelopes with the correct money on the day of their photos. No change will be given. If ordering online, please ensure your child brings their envelope to school on the day of the photos for ease of organisation. Photo envelopes will be given directly to the photographers on the day. Family photo and spare individual photo envelopes can be obtained from the general office.

## HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

This event will be held on Tuesday 13th February at the outdoor swimming pool and is a whole school activity. Students will attend school as usual and be transported to the pool by bus.

Students are encouraged to dress in House colours. The Year 12 students' dress up parade will be held prior to the commencement of races. There will be a BBQ and the pool canteen will be open.

The House Sports' permission form was sent home this week and MUST be returned to the general office by February 6.

Parents are invited to drop in to the sports during the day.

## SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA STATE TEAM TRIAL REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are open for: Australian Football, Netball, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball.

These trail registrations close Thursday, 1 March 2018. You can find all the details via School Sport Victoria's website. <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>.

If you are looking for a document that details the process please download the "Team Vic Online Registrations Process."

This will give you all the information you need to know before registering.

## Student free day — February 22



Parents are reminded that no students are required at school. Staff will be undertaking professional development on this day.

## School injuries and insurance

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare.

If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. Alternatively, parents are able to obtain Personal Accident Insurance from various insurers for their child at their own expense.

## Ambulance cover

Please ensure that you have current ambulance cover as an ambulance will be called in the event of an injury or accident. Parents and guardians of students who do not have ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

## Personal goods brought to school

The Department of Education and Training and Swan Hill College do not hold insurance nor do they accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

## CSEF – CAMP AND SPORT FUND

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Cards are to be current as of 29 January 2018 or 16 April 2018.

The allowance of \$225 will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. There is no age limit for the students on these applications.

Contact the school office to obtain an application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) Please apply at the College as soon as possible to receive these funds. Applications will be accepted until June 2018.