



12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

***In 2015 there are 920 students accessing Year 10, VCE, VET and VCAL at our school.***

***Important Dates***

***Information Night for Year 12 VCE and VCAL – 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 6pm in The Great Space***

***Information Night for 2015 Presentation Ball – 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 6pm in The Great Space***

***College Finance office open for payments – 3<sup>rd</sup> March until 7pm and 11<sup>th</sup> March until 6pm***

***Parent Teacher Interviews – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 4.00-8.00***

***Study4Success – every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5.30pm in the Library***

**School Council Elections**

*Please consider nominating for school council. There are usually 8 meetings per year; two each term. Nominations will open on the 16<sup>th</sup> February and close on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.*

*Enclosed is the information schools are required to send out to families. Nomination forms can be collected from the general office or emailed to you. If you are interested and want to know more, please do not hesitate to phone me.*

**Compass**

*Please also find enclosed with this newsletter, information about Compass. This on line program enables parents to check attendance and see progress reports.*

**Pupil Free Days for 2015**

*28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015*

*28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015*

*12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015*

*20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015*

**Asbestos Management in Schools: The Department provides the following advice.**

*As part of the Department of Education and Training's (DET) Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school.*

*The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register.*

*Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.*

*The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe.*

*Children's safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.*

**Students who travel by Public Transport**

*I have been advised by Public Transport Australia that there will be increased vigilance around fare evasion especially on buses. Students are legally required to touch on with their myki cards every time they travel, even if they have a valid student pass. Students who have a student pass, or who are over 16 years old, must also carry their concession card at all times when travelling. Without their concession card their student pass is not valid whether they have touched or not.*

**Student drivers**

*Students are to use gate 3 to access parking and then abide by all laws. Parking in the school grounds is a privilege not a given. Students must register their car with us through the sub schools and provide proof of licence.*

**Safety on Frawley Road**

*Staff, students and members of the public have expressed concerns about erratic and un-safe driving when students are being dropped off and picked up. Students are required to use the designated crossings whether they are manned or not. We are asking for your cooperation and patience especially at these peak times.*

### **Progress and Semester Reports and Parent Teacher interviews**

- Progress Report One mailed home 12/03/2014
- Student Parent Teacher interview bookings on line, Compass, from 13/03/2014
- Student Parent Teacher interviews: 25/03/2014 from 4.00-8.00pm
- Progress Report Two mailed home 07/05/2014
- Report Writing Day 12/06/2014 (No students at school)
- End of Semester one reports mailed to parents/carers 25/06/2014
- Student Parent Teacher interview bookings on line, Compass, from 10/08/2014
- Progress Report Three mailed home 13/08/14
- Student Parent Teacher interviews: 19/08/2014 from 4.00-8.00pm
- Progress Report Four posted home 17/09/2014
- End of Semester two reports available for collection 17/12/2014

### **Know Our Students well**

- **Attendance** – is critically linked to student success.
- **Sub Schools** – please make direct contact with Sub Schools to ensure individual needs are met.

<b>Arts/Humanities</b>	<b>Amanda Muxworthy 8795 1019</b> Melinda Dalforno 8795 1017 Danielle Poyser 8795 1021
<b>Science/IT/Commerce</b>	<b>Ron Jooss 8795 1085</b> Deb Crew 8795 1048 Mark Gelderbloem 8795 1085
<b>Sport &amp; Health Sciences</b>	<b>Jamie Fardell 8795 1041</b> Katrina Davidson 8795 1015 Michael Boyer Katie Curran
<b>Traditional Trades &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Sue Lubbock 8795 1080</b> Lori Benis 8795 1081 Alan Torcello 8795 1067 Safiye Alev 8795 1080

### **Uniform and Uniform Shop**

Our uniform has been designed and selected to be comfortable and affordable. Students and families committed to wearing the uniform when they made the decision to come to our school. The uniform shop, for terms 1 and 4, is open every Tuesday 12.45 – 2.45pm and every Thursday 12.30 – 2.30pm. For terms 2 and 3 they are open only on Thursdays from 12.30 – 2.30pm.

### **Study4Success**

Study4Success runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school until 5.30pm in the library. This program was very successful last year and provided support for students in comfortable surrounds to do their homework, attend a tutorial and obtain assistance from staff, guest university students or other guests especially invited to provide help. Margaret Wieringa is looking after the program this year. Parents can find out more by making contact with Margaret or their student's sub school office.

### **Student Accident Insurance**

Parents and guardians are advised that DET does not provide personal accident insurance for students who are injured at school or when on College Council endorsed excursions and activities. Families are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.