



BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT 2019 DATES

Monday 28 th January	Public Holiday – College Closed
Tuesday 29 th January	College open 10:30am – 4:30pm – OG Campus Closed
Wednesday 30 th January	Book Collection 9.00am – 3.00pm - Drysdale Campus
Thursday 31 st January	Term 1 2019 Begins – Years 7, 9 & 12 Commence Classes
Friday 1 st February	All Students Commence Classes
Monday 4 th February	2 nd Year VET Equine & Music classes begin
Tuesday 5 th February	Year 10 Laptop Collection 3:15pm – 6:30pm Drysdale Campus
Wednesday 6 th February	1 st Year VET Equine & Music classes begin
Thursday 7 th February	Whole School Swimming Sports Kardina Pool Geelong – All Students Must attend
Thursday 14 th February	Staff Professional Learning Day – STUDENT Free Day
Monday 18 th February	Year 7 Laptop Collection – Ocean Grove Campus 3:15pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 19 th February	School Photos, Both Campus's
Thursday 21 st February	Year 12 BBQ 6:00pm – 7:00pm / Elevate 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday 22 nd February	All essential levies due or payment plans finalised
Monday 25 th February	Year 7 Parent / Guardian / Student BBQ 6.00pm – 8:00pm Ocean Grove Campus
Monday 11 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 14 th March	2020 Year 7 Information Evening at Ocean Grove Campus
Monday 18 th March	Year 7 Immunisations-Human Papillomavirus, Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis
Tuesday 19 th March	Athletics Carnival at Landy Field– All Students Must Attend
Thursday 4 th April	WMR Swimming
Friday 5 th April	Last Day Term 1 – All Students Finish at 2:22pm

Welcome to the start of the 2019 school year. As I write this it is a searing 38 degrees, although there is some promise of a cool change arriving soon!

I trust students and families have had a fabulous Christmas and New Year and have enjoyed the wonderful weather that we have been blessed with over January. The return to the school year is exciting but can be an anxious time for some and I would like to reassure families that we are here to support in making the start to the year smooth and positive. Please do contact us if you require support.

In saying that, the **first point of contact** regarding your child should generally be their House Leader. There have been some changes to the structure supporting students, particularly on the Drysdale campus so I ask you to consider the table below which details the House Leaders across the College. Recall that Wellbeing Staff Nicole Wirth (Wellbeing; Ocean Grove campus), Nathan Brock and Stephanie Rice (Wellbeing; Drysdale campus), the Later Years Leader – Tracey Fawcett (Drysdale Campus) and PSD Coordinators (Merran Jellie (Ocean Grove campus) and Barb Luppino (Drysdale campus) are also important contacts that are available to support young people and their families.

Corto	Lonsdale	Nepean	Swan
Year 7&8 House Leader Mr B. Marmion	Year 7&8 House Leader Mr M.Romanin	Year 7&8 House Leader Mrs K.Walsh	Year 7&8 House Leader Ms K.Clitheroe
Year 9&10 House Leader Mrs M. Chaplin	Year 9 &10 House Leader Ms L.Doran	Year 9 &10 House Leader Ms S.Shamsili	Year 9 &10 House Leader Mr B. Davies
Year 11 & 12 House Leader Ms.T. Finch	Year 11 & 12 House Leader Mrs K. Miles	Year 11 & 12 House Leader Mrs V.Wedding	Year 11 & 12 House Leader Ms J.Walsh

In regards to staffing, it is with some regret that I announce that Ms Trish Crilly has been appointed to Lavers Hill SC. Trish has been with the College for the past 6 years and has very actively led Transition and Pathways, Careers and VET and a wonderful teacher of VCAL. On behalf of the College I thank Trish for her contribution to the College community and active support of students and wish her the very best in the future. Ms Sandra Wall is also not resuming the new school year and we wish her the very best for the impending addition to her family!

I would like to welcome the following staff to the College and look forward to their contribution and thank you for your commitment to Bellarine Secondary College; Alisha Lyon, Tayler Wallis , Laura Wallis , Ebony Jennings, Kaillen Howard , Maree Downing , Monica Russell , Patrick McIntosh, Joshua Holt and Sharon Evans.

I look forward to seeing students resplendent in their uniforms on their return and look forward to a fabulous school year with a very clear focus on supporting every young person to achieve their full potential.

Please note that Year 7, 9 & 12 students return to school on Thursday 31st January. All students should be in attendance on Friday 1st February, 2019.

Finally, the new school year represents a new start and new challenges. I encourage all students to embrace the challenges that come with learning. I challenge students to aim high and enjoy success. Most importantly, I encourage all students to respect the wonderful opportunity they have to learn and to grab those opportunities with both hands.

Wayne Johannesen, Acting College Principal.

Dear Parent/Guardian

The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government schools; this is referred to as 'free instruction'. The Act also grants school councils the power to charge fees for goods and services to support the delivery of free instruction and to raise funds.

Free instruction includes learning and teaching, instructional supports, materials and resources, administration and facilities associated with the provision of the standard curriculum program. The standard curriculum program includes core learning and teaching activities related to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and Senior Secondary Certificates.

The Department of Education and Training *Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools* policy provides advice on the different types of payments that schools can request from parents / guardians and outlines the procedures and protocols schools must adhere to.

School councils are responsible for developing and approving a school-level parent payment policy that is compliant with the Department's policy. The following items are charged to supplement Department of Education and Training funds.

Essential Education Items These items are to support the instruction in the standard curriculum program and include but not limited to:

- Materials for teaching and learning where the student consumes or takes possession of the finished articles (e.g. foods, media, woodwork)
- Materials that the individual student takes possession of, such as text books, workbooks, stationery, diaries etc.
- Activities associated with, but not part of instruction in the standard curriculum program, such as costs associated with camps and excursions which all students are expected to attend.

Optional Extras These are items provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, which are offered on a user pays basis and parents / guardians can choose whether or not their child participates / purchases and includes but not limited to:

- Extra – curricular activities or activities including sport, instrumental music, school productions
- Materials and services offered in addition to the standard curriculum program – including school magazines

In addition, School Council invites parents to make donations by means of:

Voluntary Financial Contributions These are non-compulsory donations for specific projects e.g.: library resources, grounds projects, assistance for families experiencing financial hardship. All voluntary contributions are gratefully appreciated.

Parents / guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are provided with essential education items. The school makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased at a minimum. Alternative payment arrangements are also available through the school.

Bellarine Secondary College Council has made a considerable effort to ensure that this school policy is fair and provides a number of options to support parents / guardians to access the materials and services associated with their child's education.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss your circumstances and the options available to you, please contact the school to make an appointment. **Further information regarding the Department's policy is available at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/parentpayments.aspx>** The College policy will be available on request from the school.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Johannesen,
Acting College Principal.