



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Monday February 8</b>	Year 12 Information Evening 6.15pm
<b>Tuesday February 9</b>	Year 12 Focus Day - Deakin University
<b>Friday February 12</b>	Student Photos

## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL - RALPH SHAW

Our school year certainly has not started as we had expected with last week's flooding causing considerable disruption to our program. Thankfully we will have full access to the Year 7 and 8 building next Tuesday and all students will then be able to utilise all of the school's facilities except for the library which will be out of action until March.

I thank staff, students and parents for the way they have worked together to ensure that any interruptions to our teaching program were kept to a minimum. It has been very rewarding to see how our school community came together and accepted some inconvenience which did help spread the pain equally across Years 7 to 11.

The response of the Education Department to our flooding has been both prompt and efficient. Contractors were in place within hours of the flood taking place and consequently damage has been minimised especially in the Year 7 and 8 building. Considerably more damage occurred in the Library, Community Centre, Information Technology building and even though much work has now been done there are still considerable repairs that need to be completed. Hopefully our IT systems will be in full operation next week. I apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused but can assure all community members that our team is working very hard to return our communication systems to full operation.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRIDAY AND NEXT WEEK:

All students in all year levels should attend the school on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. Years 7 and 8 will be based in the Middle Years Red building for the day.

Next Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February Years 7 and 8 are not required at school as staff will be moving materials and furniture back into the blue building which was flooded.

From Tuesday all year levels will then operate normally in their own buildings. For the first time in 2016 Years 7 and 8 will be able to start the day in their own building.

### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS:

Thank you to all parents and students who have responded so positively to our new uniform process. It is great to see how well our students are wearing the uniform. Please keep up your support for the school to help us ensure that we have a very clear set of expectations.

### SCHOOL CANTEEN:

The school canteen is back in operation and consequently all students are expected to remain within the school grounds and not use the local shops during school hours.

**Mr Ralph Shaw**  
Acting Principal

## COLLEGE ABSENCE LINE

Please phone **5277 1177**  
to report all student absences  
and select option two.



**STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY**

The purpose of the college dress code is:

1. To enhance the reputation of the College
2. To assist in developing a sense of individual pride in students and promote development of their personal presentation skills
3. To promote a sense of collective identify within the College
4. To promote individual student safety, group security and reasonable standards of health and hygiene.

It is a condition of enrolment that all students wear the College uniform.

**Dress code:**

It is highly recommended that each item of clothing is clearly labelled with the students name in order for lost uniform to be returned to the owner. Summer or winter uniform may be worn at the discretion of the student.

Uniforms can be purchased from:

Bellarine Uniforms at 162 Moorabool Street, Geelong 3220. Phone: 5221 9199

Email: [Bellarine@noone.com.au](mailto:Bellarine@noone.com.au)

GIRLS	BOYS
Summer check skirt Summer check blouse White short or long sleeve blouse Navy shorts White socks  WHC Kilt - must be knee length or longer (Students may wear navy tights with kilt). Grey school trousers Navy v neck wool blend pullover/cardigan with WHC logo Navy v neck vest with WHC logo  Black leather school shoes must be flat heeled lace-ups or T-bars (cut below the ankle and able to be polished). T-bars must be buckled.  Plain navy, maroon or mid blue scarves may be worn for warmth.	Navy shorts Midford school blue shirt White socks  Grey school trousers (Students may wear black or grey socks with long grey trousers). Navy v neck wool blend pullover with WHC logo Navy v neck vest with WHC logo  Black leather lace-up school shoes (cut below the ankle and able to be polished).  Plain navy, maroon or mid blue scarves may be worn for warmth.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:**

- Hair is to be neat and clean. In some circumstances students may be required to wear hair nets or other forms of cover for reasons of safety or health.
- All clothing is to be clean, neat and in good repair.
- Appearance and/or apparel to be such that they are not likely to distract any person from classroom learning.
- When wearing casual clothes, such as for an excursion or a mufti-day, it is to be appropriate to the circumstances e.g. an excursion may require solid footwear. Tee-shirts or other items are not to have extreme or offensive diagrams and/or statements.
- Watches and religious symbols such as a crucifix are permitted. No other jewellery is allowed.
- No body piercing accoutrements will be allowed, with the exception of a simple stud or keeper for ear piercings. This means; no facial piercings. Taping of piercing accoutrements will not be accepted as a substitute for their removal, as taping can constitute a health and safety risk of equal magnitude to the accoutrement itself.
- No make-up.
- Only students observing the Dress Code or who have an approved exemption will be able to represent the College in the community.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

At times items of student uniform require cleaning, repair or replacement which renders the student unable, on a temporary basis, to comply with the Dress Code. In such circumstances, parents/guardians must provide a written explanation to the child’s mentor teacher who will issue a short term Uniform Pass in the child’s study planner.