



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday October 3** First day of Term 4
- Wednesday October 5** Federation University Information Session
- Wednesday October 19** Geelong Cup Day Holiday

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL - SCOTT DELLAR

YEAR 12 – CLASS OF 2016:

Congratulations to our Year 12 student group for their outstanding leadership and role modelling throughout 2016 thus far ... not long to go now. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank every Year 12 student for their efforts in supporting students, community & sporting groups and especially staff with all forms of college activities over the past three terms. This group has been a driving force in defining the strong culture of Western Heights College ... one that promotes Pride, Success and High Expectations as a part of our everyday values across all parts of the school.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a new college initiative to celebrate the 'Class of 2016' has been implemented with a set of pavers stamped with every student's name in a special ornamental design has been created. This Year 12 recognition strategy will be placed in the centre of the school and will be added to each year for people to enjoy and view.

Below is a photo of the Year 12 group pavers, set out and ready to be placed in the college plaza.



Within the Year 12 'Class of 2016' the following student leadership team has led the student population in a diverse range of successful whole school initiatives; from College governance as part of School Council to student functions and special events.

We congratulate them on their constant enthusiasm and maturity beyond their years which they have displayed during the year.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS:

Katy Newell & Alexander Blain

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

BARTON HOUSE
Jessica Bocksette,
Tahlia Lewis
Tahlia Mann-Feldman

MINERVA HOUSE
Hope Chernih
Nathan Mc Donald
Haylee Roberts

QUAMBY HOUSE
Bailey Pilgrim
Emma Hatton
Taylah Spalding

VINES HOUSE
Teisha Clifford-Rowles
Michael Tuohill
Rebecca Claridge

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2017 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAMS: selection process0

The 2017 College Leadership teams' selection process will take place in early term 4. Please as Year level groups, consider this wonderful opportunity and keep the upcoming selection schedule on the radar as next term takes shape. Further information about this leadership procedure will come out in the next newsletter.

From my perspective, it is always fantastic to see the quality and high talent of applicants going through this extensive process. This program continually exhibits the outstanding calibre of our students ... a credit to their families, the college and the community. This developmental selection process underpins our focus on student voice and high aspirations.

It should be noted that across the Year 7 – 12 year levels, well over 150 students apply for involvement with these leadership groups, a real recognition of the leadership potential on offer across the school.

COLLEGE FACILITY UPGRADES ... APPROVED AND UNDERWAY:

The College will be upgrading the learning spaces in all the learning communities this school break to further develop the flexible learning approach for students in Year 7 to 12.

This work will begin early next week, where we will see the **placement of internal walls and partitions throughout the Learning Communities**, allowing classes to operate as individual learning spaces (like the traditional classroom), or be opened up to provide collaborative spaces for classes or groups that want to work together. Flexibility at its best!!

The placement of these new additional walls and glass panels will support even further the ability of students to access personalised learning possibilities, as teachers will be able to easily set up changeable spaces for classes of students to develop the best learning approach.

Away we go!!!

End of Term

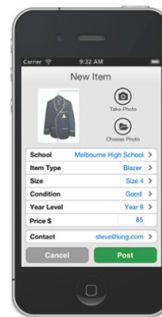
Enjoy the upcoming September / October break; but make the study – preparation time count. Go For It.



Mr Scott Dellar
Principal.



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