Message from the Acting Principal

Welcome to all families as we start the 2015 school year. A special welcome to our new families and new teachers to the College; Jonathan Martin (5/6), Janine Hahnel (Primary ICT), Nicole Barri (1/2) and Graham Wood (Acting AP Special Education Sector).

The College Principal, Mr Tim McCartin is currently on leave and I will be Acting Principal in his absence. Mr Mills has been successful in gaining the position of Principal at Broadford Secondary College and we wish him all the best and thank him for his contribution over many years at Seymour College.

School Improvements
There have been many improvements to the College amenities throughout the holiday period and thanks are extended to the cleaning staff, Mayfair Drapes and Blinds for the installation of new window furnishings in some areas of the College and the rehanging of existing curtains. Many thanks to the following people for working over three days on the secondary toilet amenities and the Humanities Wing: David Stute, Jan Creswell, Anne Allison, Linda Williams, John Huggins, Anthony, Sue, Selwyn, and Jeremiah Tennant.

Student Numbers
The College starts the year with 844 students. 279 in the primary sector, 512 in the secondary sector and 53 in the special education sector.

The year level breakdown is as follows:
Foundation – 31 students, Level One-54 students, level Two-29 students, Level Three-33 students, Level Four-35 students, level Five-47 students, level Six-50 students, level Seven-83 students, level Eight-77 students, level Nine-68 students, level Ten-84 students, level Eleven-121 students, level Twelve-79 students.

School Council
The School Council plays an integral role within the College and I urge all families to consider participating in the forthcoming elections. More information will be forwarded shortly about this process.

Dignity and Respect
The Department of Education and Training is committed to providing safe and supportive environments where diversity is valued and everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity.
Student Assembly
Our first Full College student assembly will be conducted tomorrow and this will provide all students with clear expectations about College values, attendance at school as well as familiarising themselves with teachers and coordinators.

Today has seen all students start a whole college approach toward setting classroom expectations. It has been a pleasure to observe students settle into their new environments and classes with confidence and I observed respectful and positive behaviour in all classes I visited.

It is an exciting time of the year as we look ahead toward planning engaging learning activities for all students. Our student leaders are also enthusiastic and keen to start on their prepared activities across the College.

Foundation Students
Our Foundation students have a different attendance requirement at the beginning of the year.

They will start school at 9 am and finish at 2pm on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January. After these dates they are required at school from 9.00am to 3:10pm. They are not required at school on a Wednesday during February, but will be requested to attend for an assessment session on one of these Wednesdays. More information will follow from their teacher.

Flexible Learning Centre
The College has also been actively involved in supporting the establishment of the North East Victoria Region Flexible Learning Centre – Seymour Campus, which is located in Tallarook Street. More information will be provided by the Centre in future newsletters.

Compass School Manager
You will soon be given information about how to log in to this application. Watch for articles by Mr. Reeder’s Teaching and Learning Assistant Principal (Acting)

I also encourage you to continue your communication with your child’s teachers. Please phone the office if you need to contact a teacher. Parents will be able to provide explanations for student absences through Compass.

I encourage you to read the newsletter each fortnight – there are a number of ways you can access this:

Seymour College App
For all of the latest news and updates from Seymour College, download our "FREE" iPhone/iPad App or Android App.

Apps by MySchoolsApp
www.myschoolsapp.com.au

I wish our school community all the best for the coming year and will ensure that the College continues to set high expectations for your children. The staff are driven by their commitment to deliver the best possible outcomes for every student in our community. I also wish our students, whether starting their school life or completing their final year, a rewarding year in which they attain their best.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Gail Hardman
Acting Principal

School Hours:

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Leaving the School Grounds

A reminder to all students that notes from home giving permission to buy lunch down the street at recess or lunchtime are not acceptable. Seymour College policy requires that students who have been issued a lunch pass may go to their own home for the purpose of lunch. Students out of school without authorisation will be counselled for a direct breach of school rules.

All students must be signed out of the school if departing prior to dismissal time. Independent students are able to sign themselves out, but must have a legitimate reason for doing so.

A record of early departures is kept in the General Office and completed for all students departing the school early.

Details will include the student’s name, year level, the time of departure and the name of the person collecting the student. No parents/carers are permitted to take students directly from the classroom.

Due to the cessation of the Education Maintenance Allowance, the College has been allocated funds that will be made available to parents who are holders of a valid veterans Affairs Gold Card, Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) valid as at 28 February 2015 (Census Day).

Each eligible student under 16 years of age enrolled at Seymour College will qualify for a credit of $150 for primary and $250 for secondary, against the school account.

This credit will be allocated firstly to Primary Book Packs, then against the service levy for Primary Students. Secondary Students credit will be allocated firstly to the Student Service Levy, then subject levies.

In order to access this credit, a form can be obtained from the General Office. We will require a copy of your valid card and the signed form no later than 28 February 2015.

If this credit does not fully cover all the costs associated with your child’s essential items, optional extras or future excursions, the office are able to discuss the availability of alternative payment options with you.

Useful Contacts

Assistant Principals:
Mr Derek Rimes—9-12 Operations.
Mrs Trish Bulluss—5-8 & Wellbeing.
Mr Graham Wood—Special Education Unit
Mr Adrian Reeders—Teaching & Learning

Learning Community Managers:
Mrs Lois Kelly—Leading Teacher F-6
Mr Jurgen Frank—Leading Teacher 7-12

Year Level Coordinators F-12
Team Leader-Foundation is Wendy Burgess
Team Leader-1-2 is Noeline Whitfort
Team Leader-3-4 is Julie Sawyer
Team Leaders-4-6 are Peter Sawyer & Jen McInnes
Year 7 Coordinators are Wayne Burgess and Carol Mackenzie
Year 8 Coordinator is Sophie Jones
Year 9 Coordinator is Sharon Hill
Year 10 Coordinator is Christy Rilen
Year 11 Coordinator is Margaret Tuckwell
Year 12 Coordinator is Sophie Rilen

Bus Route Closures on Code Red Days

On designated Code Red days schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will pre-emptively close along with all bus routes coordinated by those schools.

Seymour College is not on the BARR but has bus routes that enter high risk areas and these have also pre-emptively closed.

The following bus routes are listed by region as cancelled bus routes for your school on a Code Red day.

Highlands—Whiteheads Creek—Seymour
Glenaroua—Tallarook—Seymour
Heathcote—Seymour
Pyalong—Seymour
Pyalong—Tooborac—Seymour
Strath Creek—Seymour
CFA JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS
CFA has over 250 Junior Brigades across Victoria. Young people aged between 11-15 years old can join CFA as junior members through the Junior Volunteer Development Program.
The local program is held at Seymour Fire Station Gordon Cres. Seymour
Every Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Find out more by contacting Chris Lewis 0414 802 033

SEYMOUR JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL
P.O. BOX 8043 SEYMOUR. VIC. 3660

REGISTRATION SIGN UP AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY 4TH FEB 2015
5PM-7PM AT FOOTY CLUB ROOMS KINGS PARK SEYMOUR

AutoPro Loyalty Club
Please mention Seymour College when you make a purchase at AutoPro Seymour and the College will receive a donation!
Thank-you AutoPro Seymour!

Did you know? The temperature inside a parked car can be 20° - 30°C hotter than the outside temperature...
OUTSIDE 25°C
INSIDE THE CAR 45° - 55°C

DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN CARS