Welcome Back to 2016 School Year!

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone back to Sandringham College and especially to year seven, our new international students, and all of our other new students to the 2016 school year!

We were well prepared for the first weeks due to the efforts of parents, teachers and support staff. I would like to thank all of our teachers and educational support staff and parents for preparing the school for our return. Mr Watson and Ms McElwee, and their leadership teams have worked diligently during the holiday period to ensure preparations are complete for our students’ return. Our educational support staff have also worked tirelessly to prepare the school for the new year.

The 2016 school year has started very positively as staff and students have settled quickly into the teaching and learning programs. I am also very pleased with increased enrolments on the Sandringham 7-10 campus and to see our students enjoying the new Discovery Centre.

We are also very excited to have the design proposals for the Maths/Science/Media building on Senior Campus and the Administration wing on Sandringham 7-10 approved.

Vale, Brian - Robert Payne

Sandringham College mourns the passing of our highly valued Business Manager and respected friend. He was a wonderful person and so much part of Sandringham College since 2009. His contributions to the College were greatly appreciated.

Past and present staff represented the College at the service commemorating Brian’s life last Friday and our condolences have been passed on to his family. Brian will be greatly missed.

Works will commence on both sites later in the year.

The College was particularly pleased to welcome the Deputy Premier of Victoria and Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino on March 1st.

Minister Merlino officially opened our Discovery Centre and was taken on a tour of the Sandringham 7-10 Campus by our year 10 leaders Zara Bennett and Ben Norton.

Minister Merlino was pleased to observe our staff and students in action and was impressed with our work in converting the existing spaces to accommodate the year 9 Horizons program and the Visual Arts spaces.

The Minister was particularly impressed with the way the classes were operating in the new spaces of the Discovery Centre and looks forward to visiting our College again as the remaining buildings for phase 1 are completed during 2016/2017.

The ceremony also recognised the work of our former College Council President, Ron Wakefield, by officially announcing the naming of the Auditorium as the “Ron Wakefield Auditorium”.

The event was well received by all who attended and I would like to publicly congratulate the team of staff and our student leaders, who jointly made this such a successful event.

KEY DATES

March
14th Labour Day Holiday
15th Year 7 Immunisation
16th-18th Year 9 Camp
22nd Parent/Teacher/Student Conference
24th End of Term One

April
11th First day Term Two
17th Senior Campus Working Bee
25th ANZAC Day Holiday

May
3rd Year 7 Immunisations
9th-11th Year 8 Camp
10th - 12th Naplan
12th International Soiree
I am personally looking forward to this year. We expect to build upon the work of 2015 and are now consolidated as a two Campus College. Sandringham College will continue to produce outstanding whole school results in the academic, sporting, music, arts and citizenship arenas. The VCE data is just fantastic, with 11 students scoring in the 90’s and with a top score of 98.15. Importantly, the fact that 99% of students have completed their VCE or VCAL and entered a pathway of their choice is an outstanding highlight. The range of courses students have entered include Law, Medicine, Arts, Sciences, Building and Construction, Dance, Theatre and Design.

As well the College will be expanding its Academies, with a Sandringham College Arts Performing Academy – Dance commencing operation with students enrolled from years 7 – 10, participating each week in a high level Dance program, delivered by instructors highly regarded in their field. We look forward to observing their progress and thank Ms. Meg Lee for her vision and hard work in setting up this program.

The school year started with school assemblies. We welcomed our new Year 7 students and have welcomed our student leadership team 7 -12 for 2016. The assemblies emphasised the importance of values. I spoke of working in partnership with staff and family and have set each student a goal of striving for personal best. I have been warmly welcomed on both campuses and have especially enjoyed talking to students about their plans for this year.

The College was saddened by the news of the passing of our Business Manager Brian-Robert Payne. Brian had fought illness throughout 2015 and we offer our condolences to his wife Maureen and family.

I wish everyone a productive and fulfilling year.
Suzanne Reinhardt, Sandringham College Principal

Sandringham College Council 2016

Many thanks to the staff and parents who nominated for the Sandringham College Council 2016. As the number of nominations was equal to the number of available positions, we are pleased to advise our 2016 College Councillors as follows:

Parent Representatives:
Kristina Wolchyn, Stephen Peacock, Andrew Ireland, Argy Rohoskyj, Louise Dann, and Robert Caumce.

DET Representatives:
Suzanne Reinhardt, Ciar Foster, Melinda Gall, Ben Ditterich, and Ben Pisani.

Suzanne Reinhardt, Sandringham College Principal

Student accident insurance/ Ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents are advised to note the following:

- parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and
- parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers

Parents and staff should also note that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Jake Kirby to perform at Top Class

Year 12 Arts Student, Jake Kirby has been selected to perform at the Top Class Theatre Studies concert at the Arts Centre in Melbourne as part of the VCE Season of Excellence 2016. Jake will present his stagecraft interpretation of a monologue from the play “Lady in the Van.” Jake undertook Year 12 Theatre Studies as a Year 11 student and topped the class. Students that perform in Top Class must have received an A+ for their monologue and be invited to audition, they are then are selected from a shortlist.

Congratulations Jake.
Ryan Patterson, Performing Art Teacher

Jake is pictured here playing Mr Mushnik in last year’s College Musical Production, Little Shop of Horrors.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

These will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd. Students will not have classes on this day, but are expected to attend the conferences with their parents. The conferences for all students 7-12 will be held at the Senior Campus. Bookings for the conferences are made online: instructions and log on codes will be distributed with your child’s Interim Report prior to March 22.
Years 7-10 Campus Principal Report

Our celebration of student leadership on the morning of Tuesday 23rd February was a wonderful occasion as we acknowledged almost 100 students who had been nominated for leadership positions. It was my honour to announce our 2016 School Captains, Ben Norton and Zara Bennett, and our Vice-Captains, Naomi Kilmany and Scott England.

The rest of the event was hosted by our new captains and we thank the many parents who were able to attend. You will find a list of other announced leaders in this newsletter, but once again I wish to reaffirm that our leadership program continues throughout the year and I encourage all students to consider these opportunities. At Sandringham College we are all leaders!

Leadership and participation were also the themes of our highly successful swimming sports. With over 500 students now at the 7-10 Campus the day was a celebration of our students’ passion for sport, their team spirit and sense of belonging to Sandringham College.

As we gathered together back at school at the end of the day, everybody welcomed the announcement that Nepean House had indeed been worthy winners, but with impressive efforts by students of Flinders and Phillip. We now look forward to our Athletics Carnival in Term 2.

We trust our new Year 7 students have settled in and are happy in their new environment, especially with their home base of the Discovery Centre. They returned from last week’s camp at Forest Edge with smiles on their faces and stories of their adventures on the range of activities the camp provided. Teachers reported that the relationships between the students were very positive as new friendships were formed and old friendships strengthened. I thank all our Year 7 students, as well as their older peers in Years 8, 9 and 10, for such a terrific beginning to the 2016 school year.

Russell Watson, Sandringham 7-10 Campus Principal

Ground works

We are currently undertaking some small projects around the campus to enhance the gardens and grounds. Money raised by our hard-working PTF will be used to purchase and install extra seating in shaded areas, and to complete landscaping in the space between the Discovery Centre and the C-wing. A big thank you to all those parents and community members whose contributions have made this possible.

Year 7 Immunisations

Year 7 Students will receive their immunisations on March 15th. Medical information and consent forms have been sent home with the students, and are now overdue. Parents and guardians can also find and print the relevant forms by following this link: http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/

Uniform

A reminder that students are not permitted to wear non-uniform jackets or jumpers to and from school. The College jacket is wind and water resistant and a good option as the weather cools. All students should also be wearing black, lace-up, business-style school shoes, not runners or skate shoes. All uniform items and suitable shoes are available from Bob Stewart, Mentone www.bobstewart.com.au

LearningField subscriptions now overdue

LearningField subscriptions are required for all students from Years 7 to 10. The subscription provides access to students’ essential textbooks for the year in subjects including Maths, Science, English, History, Geography and Languages. LearningField has been selected as our means of textbook delivery due to its flexibility and cost-effectiveness. The subscription gives students access to over 1000 titles at all year levels, enabling our teachers to select the most appropriate material for your child. Students are also able to select and download content independently, which means that LearningField is also an extension, support and research tool. More information and ‘how-to’ videos can be found on the LearningField website www.learningfield.com.au.

The grace subscription period has now expired. If a subscription is unpaid, your child will lose access to their texts until payment is made. To pay the subscription, please go to https://learningfield.com.au/parent-payment-information/.

You will need your child’s school email address to complete the transaction. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the campus office on 9599 5600 to make arrangements for payment.

For any other questions regarding LearningField, please contact Ciar Foster on 9599 5625.
Year 10 Leadership Roles

School Captain: Ben Norton
School Captain: Zara Bennett
School Vice-Captain: Scott England
School Vice-Captain: Naomi Kilmany
Student Leader of Performing Arts: Alex Caunce
Student Leader of Performing Arts: Naomi Kilmany
Student Leader of Science Domain: Lachlan Tindall
Student Leader of Science Domain: Oliver Pouliot
Student Leader of Science Domain: Anna Roser
Student Leader of Maths Domain: Alison Schmidt-Schlatt
Student Leader of English Domain: Karys Foote
Student Leader of Humanities Domain: Asher Helford
Student Leader of Science Domain: Kit Kirby
Student Leader of Science Domain: Anna Roser
Student Leader Visual Arts/Technology Domain: Eugene Lombardo
Student Leader Visual Arts/Technology Domain: Imke Brealey
Student Language Leader - Indonesian: Nathan Spragg
Student Language Leader - Indonesian: Liana Francese
Student Language Leader - French: Brad Newell
Student Language Leader - French: Nicholas Zagoudis
Student Language Leader - Physical Education/Sport Domain: Oscar Dale
Student Language Leader - Physical Education/Sport Domain: Tate Gramaconi
Student Language Leader - Physical Education/Sport Domain: Max Kersley
Student Language Leader - Physical Education/Sport Domain: Chloe Wells
Student Language Leader - Physical Education/Sport Domain: Nilia Dos Santos
Student Leader International Domain: Xu Hanrong (Harriet)
Student Leader International Domain: Xu Jian (Roger)
Student Voice Leader: Scott England
Student Voice Leader: Fitzy Beaumont
Student Voice Leader: Ashlee Cooke

House Captains

House Captain Nepean: Tom Newton
House Captain Nepean: Nilia Dos Santos
House Captain Nepean: Tim Black
House Captain Nepean: Abie Stevens
House Captain Nepean: Tiet Anei
House Captain Nepean: Karys Foote
House Captain Nepean: Rudi Van Oorschot
House Captain Nepean: Sally Beckingsale
House Captain Nepean: Luke Joyce
House Captain Nepean: Matilda Whitbread-Phee
House Captain Nepean: Oscar Dale
House Captain Nepean: Caitlin Forbes

Year 7 Leadership Roles

Form Captain 7A: Beth Bodi
Form Captain 7A: Yakamoz Arslan
Form Captain 7B: Marie Michael
Form Captain 7B: Jacob Hall
Form Captain 7B: Ellen McNeil
Form Captain 7B: Phoenix Vlogianitis
Form Captain 7D: Thibault Massicot-Fontaine
Form Captain 7D: Bryn MacNamara
Form Captain 7E: Liam Brauer
Form Captain 7E: Zoe Taylor
Form Captain 7F: Summer Wolchyn
Form Captain 7F: Saber Tang
Form Captain 7G: Darma Lewis
Form Captain 7G: Stefan Eiji

Year 8 Leadership Roles

Form Captain 8A: Max Ward
Form Captain 8A: Meg Carter
Form Captain 8B: Kael D’Alterio
Form Captain 8B: Alyssa Lothian
Form Captain 8C: Laili Kirby
Form Captain 8C: Isabel Bennett
Form Captain 8D: Lachlan Costello
Form Captain 8D: Rebecca O’Shea
Form Captain 8E: Katelyn Broadway
Form Captain 8E: Beau Harrison

Year 9 Leadership Roles

Debating Public Speaking Year 9 Leader: Ellen Carey
Debating Public Speaking Year 9 Leader: Zoe French
Environmental Year 9 Leader: Luc Dann
Environmental Year 9 Leader: Thea Barry
Horizons Curriculum Year 9 Leader: Tisa Mokhtari
Horizons Curriculum Year 9 Leader: Robin Chatterjee
Horizons Initiatives Year 9 Leader: Oliver Bennett
Horizons Initiatives Year 9 Leader: Elsa Skattang Stone

Student Representative Council

Year 7 SRC: Lucy Tomov
Year 8 SRC: Ilika Hobbs
Year 7 SRC: Lachlan King
Year 8 SRC: Jessica Armstrong
Year 7 SRC: Maria England
Year 7 SRC: Ella Barlow
Year 8 SRC: Declan Farr
Year 7 SRC: Max Pinczes
Year 9 SRC: Lauren Hucker
Year 9 SRC: Sean Parkinson
Year 8 SRC: Emily Homann
Year 9 SRC: Cameron Armstrong
Year 9 SRC: Alex Pentland
Year 9 SRC: Hamish Flemming-Jolly
Year 9 SRC: Nalia Dos Santos
Year 10 SRC: Eugene Lombardo
Year 10 SRC: Shani Glenn-Ward
Year 10 SRC: Luke Joyce

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Achievement • Creativity • Independence • Integrity • Respect
Year 7 & 8 – Term 1

It has been great to welcome in another school year and I would like to congratulate all Year 7 & 8 students on how well they have settled in. Particularly our new Year 7 students who, although at times feeling a bit overwhelmed by so many new things, are getting into the swing of secondary school very quickly. It was wonderful to move into the new Discovery Centre with the Year 7’s at the beginning of the year and see them and their teachers using the space so effectively.

Thank you to all those who attended the New Parents Breakfast on the 17th February. It was a fantastic turn out and a great opportunity to chat with you about how your children are settling in. As always, if you have any concerns please contact the relevant student manager so we can work out how best to support you and your child’s transition to secondary school.

We have not long returned from Year 7 camp, where students had a fantastic time getting to know new people and participating in heaps of fun activities. A huge thank you to Mariza Pagel for her hard work in organising and running the camp.

With much to look forward to this year such as camps, excursions, Year 7 Night of the Notables, Year 8 High Resolves, and many more, I encourage all students to make the most of each opportunity available to them.

Steve Dixon, 7 & 8 Sub-school Leader

Year 7

A special welcome to our new group of year 7’s. The start of the year is a busy time and the changeover to Secondary School is a big change for most students. The first few weeks can be very challenging and I am very proud of how well the group has settled in.

They have been eager to put their hands up to be involved in the many opportunities on offer, be it as form captains, SRC or participating in the Swimming Carnival.

One of the highlights of the first term is the year 7 camp at Forest Edge. The camp is an important part of settling into Secondary School and it was good to see the year 7’s getting to know their peers, the year 10 peer leaders and teachers in a different environment.

Within the next few weeks you will be receiving your child’s interim report and be given information on how to book an appointment to attend parent/teacher interviews. These are a great way to get an update on how students are progressing in their individual subjects and any further support they may need. A reminder that Homework Club is available on a Monday and Thursday in the school library from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

Mariza Pagel, Year 7 Student Manager
Year 7 Camp

The year 10 peer leaders play an important role, not only during the camp but also as an additional point of contact for the year 7’s at school. During the camp they helped facilitate the group activities and were very entertaining at the talent quest where everyone enjoyed the peer leader activities in the evenings. It was wonderful to see how much fun the year 7’s had participating in the many challenging activities and the students especially enjoyed hut building, mountain boarding, river rafting and the night walk. A special thank you to the year 10 peer leaders and staff who worked very hard to ensure that the camp was a success.

What our Year 7 students had to say about camp:

“Camp was an excellent experience for making new friends and having a whole lot of fun!” Sam

“The best thing about camp was EVERYTHING! All the activities were amazing in their own way, the grounds are well cared for and you make lots of amazing friends.” Shaelea

“I loved being with all my friends at camp and making new ones too. I had 2 girls in my activity group that I didn’t know at all and now I know them so much better. I thought our Year 10 Peer group leader, Kaitlin, was wonderful, she was really lovely. I also enjoyed hanging with my friends in my cabin.” Maddy

Year 8

The Year 8 students at Sandringham College have made a very positive start to Term 1. They all have Learning fields set up on their ipads and all students have returned their digital technologies acceptable use policy forms, which means they have no excuse for misusing their ipad’s.

I have noted that some Year 8 students have been a little slow with bringing a hard copy novel to reading but this is happening less each week. Term 1 sports is in full swing with friendly competition in Cricket, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball and Tennis. Noah Hefford and David Svetlov have already won $5 canteen vouchers for being good in the blue raffle drawn each Friday at the Year 8 Level Assembly. Please note that the Year 8 Summit Camp is from May 9 – 11 and an information pack will be handed out very soon.

Jim Hiotis, Year 8 Student Manager

Year 9

Year 9 students have settled in well to the Horizons Curriculum and Initiatives Program. They have effectively taken on a range of challenges related to this program and are engaged in rich learning tasks.

Already this term they have gone on excursions to the Melbourne Zoo, Koorie Heritage Trust, ACMI and Melbourne City Laneways, those who have not done these excursions will do so in the next few weeks.

Year 9 camp is on the 16th, 17th and 18th of March. Year 9s are heading to Halls Gap in The Grampians to take part in the exciting Dreamtime Quest.

Nadine Clarke, Year 9 Student Manager

Year 10

It’s been a fantastic start to the year for our Year 10 students. They have grasped every opportunity laid in front of them and are really relishing the chance to do VCE and also VET subjects. A reminder that students really need to stay organised in year 10 as soon enough Term One will pass us by. It’s important to be organised and motivated so that students are revising after classes and submitting all assessment tasks on time.

Year 10 students have also been introduced to their Wednesday afternoon extension program which has a vast array of subjects including Primary Science, Wood/Plastics/Metals, Humanities, Health and Physical Education and also Leadership. The program offers a chance for students to extend themselves in these areas and consider whether a future in that area would be viable.

Can I remind students that it is of extreme importance that students arrive on time to school. Students must be in form assembly by 8:45am, if not they will be required to attend a late to form assembly detention. If however, there is a reasonable excuse, then please provide a note to your form teacher. I look forward to a fulfilling year with this year 10 cohort.

Adam Paterson, Year 10 Student Manager
Year 10 Work Experience
20 June – 24 June 2014 (Compulsory)

All Year 10 students will be required to do WORK EXPERIENCE for one week during school time in Term 2 from 20 – 24 June. Students are free to arrange their own Work Experience after speaking with me, OR they may select their placements from my list of employers previously used by students. Students will need to begin thinking about their Work Experience NOW.

Several students have already taken the time to visit the Careers Centre to seek assistance and are on their way organizing their work placement. Students are encouraged to visit the Careers room at lunchtimes for any queries or assistance they may require. If any parent would like to discuss this matter further, I can be contacted on school on 9599 5602. Also, I would appreciate it very much if there are any parents or guardians who could assist with the placement of a work experience student in their business or at their place of employment to contact me as soon as possible as the competition for work placements is very tight.

Work Experience involves much paperwork and I seek your co-operation in ensuring that official forms are completed and returned promptly.

Mary Tonios, Careers

Tessa & Emma at SEPS in their 2015 Year 10 Work Experience.

New Visual Arts Space now in use

Staff and students are enjoying the spacious new class rooms, vacated now that the Science area has moved to the purpose built Discovery Centre.

With new sinks fitted into S13 and S14 as well as the relocation furniture and trolleys full of materials and equipment, the transformation from Science into Art and Ceramics rooms is well and truly underway.

We have just taken delivery of the new kiln and are looking forward to new benchtops and shelves being installed to continue the transformation.

Language News - Bonjour!
Selamat Pagi!

Welcome to the new school year for language learning. All students have settled in well and we hope that all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have managed to find their text books on Learning Fields. It is important that these are downloaded onto the students’ ipads as they are an essential part of our language learning programme.

Language Perfect

This online programme is an excellent way for students to extend their vocabulary in the foreign language and provides them with a fun and challenging way to improve their reading, writing and listening skills. A subscription for Language Perfect should have been made through the Campion books website and we ask that all language students from 7 – 10 check that this has happened. Students have until the end of February to purchase this.

Barbara Hamilton, Language Programme

Yes, it has been a busy time! Thanks must go to staff and students who have assisted with the move.

Maria Morabito, Visual Arts Co-ordinator
Senior Campus Principal Report

The 2016 school year has commenced quite smoothly, with students already settled into the senior campus environment after the Headstart program at the end of the 2015 year. There were few changes to courses requested, which reflects the value of the Headstart where students commence work in their chosen subjects and can make subject changes before the end of the school year. We are very pleased with the way that all students have settled quickly into the senior campus environment and look forward to a productive and successful year.

Just a reminder that senior campus runs extended Library hours in order to provide an environment for students to be able to study in groups or for private study purposes. The Library is open at 8am until 5pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays and 8am until 4pm on Wednesday and Friday. Thursday in the Library is also Homework Club where FREE TUTORING is provided by Alumni to assist all students achieve their best. The Student Study Room (located in the staff room corridor so that teachers can drop in and assist students) is also open from 7.30am until 6pm each day, and has laptops and printers available. I would like to encourage all students to regularly attend Homework Club and make use of the extended hours in the Library and Student Study Room and seek support from their teachers, who are more than happy to assist. Study groups, with other students in the same subjects, are also an excellent way to study and prepare thoroughly for SACs.

For parents of year 12 students, or year 11 students studying a VCE unit 3&4 subject this year, some important dates ahead to mark in your calendar are:

- June 3rd to 10th Mid year exams year 10, 11 & 12
- GAT June 7th (all students studying a unit 3&4 subject)
- Friday September 16th (VCE Trial English/Lit/ Language exam)
- Wednesday September 28th to 30th – last 3 days of term 3 break (Continuation of VCE Trial Exams)
- Thursday October 20th (Year 12 Graduation Night, at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University)
- Wednesday October 26th - Year 12 Exams Commence
- Thursday November 10th – year 11 exams commence
- Headstart – November 21st to December 2nd

We ask that any families who may be planning family breaks during the September Holidays plan around these dates and you keep in mind that many revision and exam preparation classes (both internal and external) run during this time. The Trial Exams are compulsory for all students studying a VCE unit 3&4 subject. It is advisable to leave these holidays free to commit to attending extra classes and that any plans for a holiday are best to occur after the examination period is completed.

Senior Campus Working Bee, scheduled for March 20th, has been moved to Sunday April 17th in term two. Look forward to seeing you there!

Vivienne McElwee, Senior Campus Principal

Senior Campus Awards Assembly

Tuesday February 9th was our Awards assembly at senior campus where we celebrated DUX awards, High Distinctions and Distinctions from 2015 and Leadership for 2016. This was a lovely assembly attended by years 10 to 12 and many staff, principals, ex students and parents. Awards were presented to 2015 Dux, Genevieve Paxinos and Dux Proximus Sam Wickham. Year 11 Dux was awarded to Kelly Herbison, with year 11 DUX Proximus awarded to Sasha Brown and Hannah Bowey.

Other year 11 students were awarded the following recognition of their 2015 Academic Success:

High Distinction
Maggie Chapman, Mikaela Copland, Marnie Dunmore
Loughie Foley, Callum Grange, Dylan Healey, Lucas Morris, and Jordyn Nashar.

Distinction
Georgia Ainley, Cameron Arden, Max Bird, Molly Fairley, Taylor Hughes, Lewis Lee-Shaw, Zoe Leggas, Sean Peacock, Madie Simioni, and Will Stojic.

Excellence in VCAL
Daniel Taylor, Matt Mckenna, Nikki Alexopoulos, and Leah Riley.
We were also fortunate enough to have two of our Alumni perform for us at the assembly. Sarah Rzek opened the assembly, with a beautiful ballad about to be released on Mushroom Records and Alannah McGrath who entertained us with her Violin with a sensational rendition of “Royale” by Lorde.

Student Leadership positions were also announced at this assembly, after a rigorous interview process and we look forward to working with these newly appointed leaders throughout the year.

**2016 Leaders/Captains**

**Business/Humanities Captains:**
Mikaela Copland, Lucas Morris

**Business/Humanities Vice:**
Katherine Ellison, Graham Skorikov

**Science Captains:**
Sean Peacock, Millie Daniels-Gardiner

**Arts Captains:**
Jake Kirby, Isobel Dean

**Arts Vice:**
Tabitha Kendall

**Arts Productions Leaders:**
Maggie Chapman, Zac Rose

**Arts Exhibitions Leader:**
Nick Blackie

**Dance Captain:**
Dom Cowden

**International:**
Braydon Aguinaldo, Yan Zhang

**International Vice:**
Remi Dong, Mandy Hao

**International Ambassadors:**
Thiamando Pavlidis, Wilma Skattang-Stone

**International Ambassadors Vice:**
Eleanor Duggan-Crouch, Nicholas Mouselimis, Sammi Nievaart

**VCAL:**
Bailey Chow

**VCAL Vice:**
Annie Jelleff, Leah Riley

**Student Leader of Public Speaking and Debating:**
Calvin French

**Music Captains:**
Sanchia Watts, Callum Grange

**Music Vice:**
Maddie Simioni, Quin Grunden

**Sport Captains:**
Stuart Cafferella, Jack Hine, Courtney Stelling

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**Study Skills and Senior Campus Parents Night**

On the Senior Campus, VCE students participate in Elevate Study Skills workshops and the Tute group on a Friday is designed to support this program. Research indicates that the most successful students are not necessarily those with the highest IQ, but those with the best study habits and growth mind set.

Our Senior Campus Parent Night was very informative and well attended. The Leadership team of the Senior Campus spoke about VCE/VCAL programs, and strategies in place on the Senior Campus and DayMap Parent Portal. Then the group split in two with VCAL parents moving to the library to discuss work placement and VCE parents listening to an Elevate speaker. The speaker talked to parents about the theory, background and understanding underpinning the Study Skills Program and how parents can best support their son/daughter through their VCE. Question time was very lively and parents were very appreciative and complimentary of the session.

Melinda Gall, Assistant Principal Senior Campus

**Senior Sub School Leader Report**

All students have made a smooth start to the year at the Senior Campus. Students from the Sandringham 7-10 and new students to the college have proven that they are active and responsible learners. It has been good to see all students following the Uniform Policy and the Dress Code Policy and presenting themselves in the manner expected of Sandringham College students. Our role as teachers, is to support and challenge the students to excel. Each student is assigned to a Learning Program lead by a Student Manager. Below is the list of Student Managers and contact information for the Senior Campus:

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Michael McGowan, Senior Sub School Leader
City Galleries Excursion

Year 12 Visual Arts students had another great excursion to the city galleries in February. Their visit included Warhol and Wei Wei at NGV, The Biography of Things at ACCA and the Rigg Design Prize and Australian art exhibitions at the Ian Potter Centre.

The students were exposed to a wide variety of art forms and content, and this will hopefully inspire and motivate them in the creation of their own artworks.

Thanks to the students for getting in to the spirit of things and to the Visual Arts staff for all their work on the day.

Win for Sandy Arts Student

Sandringham College student, Arabella Long, has won the inaugural Mayor’s Encouragement Award for her work VII. The award was presented at the opening of the Target: Bayside Art & Design Graduates Exhibition at the Bayside Arts and Cultural Centre earlier this year.

Nine Sandringham College students had work in the exhibition, which sought to present the best 2015 Year 12 work from schools in the Bayside Area. Also featured were Lachie Meens, Perry Dixon, Mia Milkins, Jaimee Lee, and films by Imogen Nightingale, Ethan A’Costa, Polly Garrett and Caleb Scott. Congratulations to all those students.

Rob Neale, Visual Arts Programme

Photos - Lachie Meens with his piece, Street view (above)
VII by Arabella Long (below)
VCAL

Paws for a good cause

VCAL students are helping the RSPCA and the Lost Dogs Home by collecting donations and volunteering their time. They hope that you will donate any spare towels, blankets or dog food that you may have lying around your home.

If you find some towels or blankets we will have boxes around the school that you can put them in.

Senior campus; Library and staffroom. Junior campus; Library

If you have any other questions contact the VCAL team via the school office

Work on Fridays

The Sandringham VCAL program requires students to undertake structured workplace learning on Fridays. This gives students the chance to become part of the team at work and apply the knowledge they are learning in the classroom.

Please support your child in obtaining a placement if they do not yet have one.

Parents: If you are able to offer a placement, work experience or host a volunteer, please contact the VCAL team via the school office!

Ways you can support your child to obtain a placement;
• Ask everyone you know
• Volunteering is an excellent way to build experience
• Be persistent
• Ask for help

Guest speaker next week

VCAL will be hosting a guest speaker next week from Sarina Russo Apprenticeships, to learn all about apprenticeship processes. Our speaker will also teach the students ways to access apprenticeships and tricks and techniques to improve their chance of successful selection.

Saturday Market

As part of their course, VCAL students have been working with students from Bayley House to create exquisite wood products, including inlaid chopping boards. These are being sold at the Saturday Farmers Market at Beaumaris. All proceeds to Bayley House.

Please support our students if you see them at the market, selling their wares!

Work Experience placements needed – Can you help our students?

As part of the Victorian Certificate of Applied learning (VCAL) program students are required to obtain 100 hours per year of meaningful work placement or part-time work. Below is a list of some of the industries our students are looking at:-

• Agricultural & Horticulture (Florists, nurseries)
• Personal & Sports/Recreational Training (sports stores, GNC for example)
• Educational (kindergartens, primary schools)
• Carpentry, building & construction, gardening, landscape
• All types of Business (Office, insurance, reception work)
• Music, performing arts
• Catering and Hospitality
• Communication & Design

The VCAL students are not at school on a Friday to allow them to work part-time, the students know they need to be flexible with their work hours and many are willing to work on weekends. Please note that work cover and public liability is covered. The only expense to the employer is the $5.00 per day minimum rate of payment.

If you have such an opportunity or know of someone that may be able to assist our students, or would like further information, please contact Margaret Forbes on 0413 582 884 or email forbes.margaret.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you in anticipation.

Margaret Forbes, Work place Officer
Student Leadership – Student Voice 2016

Our Student Leaders at both Senior Campus and Sandringham Campus have been presented and acknowledged at Leadership Assemblies over the past few weeks. It was a great experience to interview so many enthusiastic young people willing to support and further enhance our College. Congratulations to them all!

7 to 10 Leadership Assembly

23rd February

Our new Captains and Vice-Captains, Ben, Zara, Scott and Naomi were fantastic in their first official hosting role. The Leadership Assembly allowed the wider school community to meet the students who have taken on the challenge of leadership.

Congratulations to all students across the school who were awarded their positions, it’s going to be another great year at Sandringham College in 2016.

Lion’s Club Youth Of The Year Contest – 2016

This year we had two students competing in the Sandringham Lion’s Club Youth Of The Year Contest at an evening that was held recently at The Sandringham Club. Thiamando Pavlidis and Calvin French represented our College as they faced two impromptu questions as well as each delivering a prepared five-minute speech.

Thiamando was successful in winning ‘Best Speech’ for the evening as she relayed her concerns regarding reality television.

Wilma Skattang-Stone was also scheduled to compete in the Brighton Lion’s Club competition but was forced to withdraw due to illness. I thank all three of our Year 12 Student Leaders for their hard work and preparation.

UN Youth Australia – Victoria State Conference 2016

UN Youth Australia is a national youth-led organisation that aims to educate and empower young Australians on global issues. We know that young leaders have the vision and passion to create meaningful change within their communities and throughout the world, and aim to equip them with the skills and inspiration to do so.

UN Youth Australia, educate over 15,000 young Australians each year about international issues and the role of the UN and equip a generation of young leaders with the skills and inspiration to make change on these issues and more.

The United Nations Youth Victoria State Conference is a three-night residential camp taking place from the 11th-14th of March 2016 at the Lord Somers Camp. It is run for young people by young people and is open to all students in Years 10-12. State Conference aims to provide them with the opportunity to network with other bright, like-minded people from all across Victoria. Registrations are now open.


Please contact Jenni Howard for more information.

Jenni Howard, Student Leadership / Voice Leader
CAREERS NEWS

Interested in a Career in Sports Medicine?

Once again we would like to extend an invitation to your Year 10 - 12 students to attend our Career Sessions at Sandringham Sports Physio. We are offering students from your school, who are interested in a career in Sports Medicine, an opportunity to visit our Centre, meet with practitioners from various fields, participate in workshops and have their questions answered by experienced therapists.

Our next careers session is on:
Saturday 12th March 2016 @ Sandringham Sports Physio, 150 Tulip St, Sandringham

Workshops available include Sports Physiotherapy, Podiatry and Remedial Massage Therapy/Myotherapy. Each student is invited to attend all 3 workshops.

Students are required to register via our website, or email pta@sportsphysio.com.au. Numbers are limited to 30 students & registration is required.

If you require any further information, please contact myself on 9583 5248 or via email dennise@sportsphysio.com.au

Mary Tonios, Careers

Street Art Learning Opportunity

Bayside Youth Services is offering young people from Bayside municipality the amazing opportunity to meet with and be coached by a renowned professional street artist, Adrian Doyle.

Young people will learn art skills and create a community art piece at Petersen Reserve in Highett that the whole community can be proud of. Going to school in Bayside (or residing in Bayside) qualifies you to be involved.

Bayside Street Art Crew

Wednesdays 4pm – 6pm. Starts 17th Feb (Six Weeks), but still taking enrolments.

For 15 – 25 year olds who are from or connected to Bayside.

@ Petersen Youth Centre in Highett

FREE – Includes all art materials and snacks

Call Maureen on 9599 4387 or email youth_services@bayside.vic.gov.au to book your spot.

2016 Ski Camp for year 11 & 12 students – Falls Creek

This year we are excited to announce that we have been able to secure accommodation on the mountain at Falls Creek. We will be leaving Sandringham College on Tuesday 2nd August 1.00 pm and returning late on Friday 5th August. The cost will be $1,100 per student and includes coach travel, 3 nights’ accommodation, lunch, breakfast and dinner, lift passes, ski/board hire and lessons.

We are only able to take 40 students so expressions of interest need to be lodged to secure your spot.

Just a reminder that Student Managers will need to approve your participation in this camp.

Only students who are up-to-date with work requirements and attendance will be eligible to go on the camp.

Anna Irminger
Dance News

In 2015 Alexandra Dodge competed in the UDO Australian Street Dance Competition, here in Melbourne. She underwent a series of heats and finals and was eventually won the title ‘Under 18 Australian Street Dance Champion’.

In August 2016, Alex will travel to Glasgow to represent Australia in the UDO World Street Dance Championship. She is currently raising funds for the trip by busking in the city, performing street tap and has held multiple fundraisers. We wish Alex all the best at the world championships.

Meg Lee, Dance Academy Leader

SCAPA Dance – Pilates Classes

Sandringham College runs a Pilates program three mornings a week in the Senior Campus Dance Studio. Classes are run by APMA trained instructors and cost $20 per session.

The Pilates classes run at the following times each week;

- Monday 7.30am-8.30am
- Wednesday 7.30am-8.30am
- Friday 7.30am-8.30am

Thu. afternoon Dance Classes

The Dance Academy also offers a supplementary program for our students after school hours on Thursday. This program will only run with sufficient numbers.

- 3.00pm – 4.15pm Stretch, flexibility and limber
- 4.30pm – 6.30pm Intermediate Ballet
- 6.30pm – 7.30pm Pointe Class

The cost to Sandringham College students is $15 per class. If you would like to sign up for either of these classes, please pick up a form from the campus office ASAP.

Meg Lee, Dance Academy Leader

7 to 10 Sports

Only 5 weeks into term 1 and it has been a full calendar for Sports 2016 on the 7-10 Campus. The 7 & 8 Sport Program has commenced. Students were able to choose from Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, Baseball, Softball and Dance and are now heading off to compete against schools within the Kingston District.

It is a wonderful experience for the students, many of them learning a new sport, and experiencing a team environment for the first time. Years 9&10 will get an opportunity to participate in these sports in a day long round robin competition on March 9.

The 9&10 Cricket team has already completed their round robin competition and a big CONGRATULATIONS to the boys and Mr Hiotis for finishing 3rd on the day.

Students have also voted their House Captains for the year. They are:

- **Flinders** (Gold) Karys Foote/Tiet Anei (C)
- Oscar Dale/Caitlin Forbes (VC)
- **Nepean** (Red) Nalia Dos Santos/ Thomas Newton (C)
- Sally Beckingsale/Rudi Van Oorschot(VC)
- **Phillip** (Blue) Tim Black/ Abie Stevens (C)
- Luke Joyce/ Matilda Whitbread-Phee (VC)

The Captains and their Vice Captains were able to show their leadership skills at the House Swimming Carnival on the 19th March, they did a wonderful job encouraging students to participate in the various events. It was also great to have the help of the VET Sport and Recreation students in some of the official duties.

Nepean won the day.

As a result of the winning performances of the students, Sandringham College sent a team of 50 students to compete in the District Championships on 3rd March. Students did well, with two of students on to Regions!

Kerry Deegan, Years 7-10 Sports Coordinator