

The Dragon

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We warmly welcome our new students, parents and staff to the College. Also welcome back to all other students, parents and staff.

We can report a smooth start to the year, where students and staff have settled in well.

It's a daunting experience for most starting off in a different place and a great test of culture. Our values of respect, self, others and the environment are for all and are tested by our kindness, genuine empathy and preparedness to do our best to help and grow. The staff also focus on celebrating and honouring diversity and teamwork, however these ideas are implicit in the concepts of respect for self and others. Clearly the only reason we exist is for students, so that must be our intense focus.

New Staff

Jessica Walsh	Teacher - Art/Visual Communication
Michelle D'Amelio	Teacher - Art/Photography
Bethany Radford	Teacher - Science
Jennifer Stephens	Teacher - Science
Nhi Pham	Teacher - Maths/Science
Mike Huang	Teacher - Maths/Methods/Specialist
Emrah Karacan	Teacher - Maths
Justin Gould	Teacher - Physical Education/Health
Michael Cassidy	Teacher - Physical Education/Outdoor Ed
Alyssa Prowd	Teacher - English
Binhui Tu	Teacher - Science/Psychology
Madeleine Clark	Teacher - English
Alison Watt	Teacher - English
Matthew Corbett	Integration Aide
Natalie Holland	Integration Assistant
Jennifer Davis	Integration Assistant
Maxine Fisher	Canteen/Integration Aide
Olivia Betts	Sport Assistant
Zoe Cooper	ICT Assistant
Kaitlyn Stephens	Administration Assistant

Returning Staff

Erin McLeod	Teacher - English
Mitchell Dewar	Integration Aide
Charlie Abraham	Integration Aide
Hayley Blythman	Integration Aide

School Captains

I would again like to introduce our School Captains for 2018 as Anna Wilson and Jarrod Stephens and the Vice Captains as Zoe Lanigan and Jacob Ellett.



Zoe Lanigan, Jarrod Stephens, Anna Wilson, Jacob Ellett

The College is always trying to find ways to communicate better with parents. You can find out more about the College at the following sites.

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bairnsdalesc

Compass contact:
<https://bairnsdalesc-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>

College website: <https://bairnsdalesc.vic.edu.au>

Once again, welcome to the 2018 year.

Kind regards
Ian Hall

WARGOMERRIN HUB – YEAR 7

The Warrgomerin Hub would like to give a warm welcome to all Year 7 students and their families to the 2018 school year. The Year 7 Hub team consists of Renea Betts as Hub Leader with Jess Mitreski and Chris Holmes as Year 7 Coordinators and Lisa Evans as Administrative Support. Peter Falla is the Assistant Principal working with the Hub in 2018. We are also very excited in the Hub to introduce the 2018 Year 7 Pastoral Teachers.

7A	Kathryn Clapperton
7D	Justin Garry
7E	Amanda Harrison
7G	Sarah Lamble
7H	David Nuthall
7J	Josie Shell
7M	Emrah Karacan
7N	Jess Mitreski
7P	Justin Gould
7Q	Kathryn Buckland

Please contact Key Teachers or Hub staff should you require any assistance or further information regarding your child or events within the college.



Term 1 is shaping up to be an exciting term with many events on the calendar for Year 7 students. Some important dates for the term include:

Welcoming Breakfast

Friday February 9

The Year 7 will host a breakfast on the February 9 to meet and build relationships with students and their families. We would encourage as many families to attend the breakfast to meet staff. Breakfast will begin at 7.30am at the Wargomerrin Hub.

Swimming Carnival

Thursday February 15

This a great day to start to show your House spirit. We would encourage all Year 7 students to get involved and dress up in their House colours and participate in the events in the pool and various activities on the day. It is sure to be the first of many great House events for students.

Year 7 Camp

March 19 – 23

This years' camp will be at the Coonawarra Farm Resort. Each form group will attend a 3 day camp either from the March 19- 21 or March 21-23. The camp is an integral part of the transition period to secondary college. One of the major aims of the camp is to build positive, respectful relationships with their peers and college staff. More information will be arriving home with your child in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the College.

WURRIN HUB – YEARS 8 - 9

A warm welcome to the 2018 school year from the Wurrin Hub team. We have enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of the students back in the corridors and attending classes. We welcome a number of new students to Year 8 and 9 this term and can see them starting to settle in already. This term the Wurrin Hub is focussing on the themes of Kindness and Courage. We encourage all students to reflect on how they make others feel and how they can become more courageous and resilient in their daily pursuits.

All students have been allocated their new lockers and are settling into the first few days of their new timetables. We look forward to upcoming events such as the Swimming Carnival in Week 3 and school photos Week 3. A special mention for the Year 9 Alpine School participants: Emily Steele, Ruby Herbstreit, Michael Garro, Taryn Gardam, Amy Blanks and Harvey Williams, who embark on their 8-week adventure, staying at the campus at Dinner Plain and developing leadership and personal development skills.



MALGOBILA HUB - YEARS 10 – 12

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students and families, especially Year 10 students new to the Senior Hub and all other students who are new to the College. We will be working hard to get to know everyone and hope all students are able to feel welcome and settle in quickly.

There have been several changes to the Senior Hub Team in 2018. Below is a quick reference guide to support you in knowing who to contact:

Paul Martin:	Assistant Principal
Janine Rooks:	Year 12 Coordinator
Belinda Neville:	Year 12 Hub Leader
Justin Garry:	Year 11 Coordinator
Natalie Hunter:	Year 11 Hub Leader
Natasha Devine:	Year 10 Coordinator
David Ballantyne:	Year 10 Hub Leader
Mandy Holmes:	VCAL Coordinator
Deb Barned:	VCAL Support
Jude Downie:	VCAL Support
Sue Monahu:	Careers
Yvonne Rooney:	Senior Hub Front Desk
Jaclyn Rutherford:	Senior Hub Front Desk

Contact Details

At this time of year we ask all families to please make sure that your contact details are still current – if any contact or family details have changed please pick up a Change of Details form from the Hub desk. This is particularly important if anyone at the College needs to contact you in an emergency.

Study Sessions

For Term 1 we are working with Year 11 and 12 students to settle into good study habits, to support their classroom learning. With this in mind, we are not having students sign out to go home during study sessions for this term. We are asking for your support with this, and ensure that your son/daughter is aware and making good use of this time.

Uniform

We would like to congratulate families and students for the level of support shown for our school uniform at the start of 2018. Parents can provide ongoing support to the College by ensuring students attend school wearing the correct uniform daily. In the event that a student is out of uniform, parents/guardians should provide a written note explaining why, or contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator via phone or email. To support families, the College and Gippsland Safety Supplies have established a system for exchanging used uniforms for store credits.

If there are any issues or concerns at all please contact the Hub Office. We work hard to provide a constructive network of support for our students. A strong relationship between the college, students and families is important to cater for the unique needs of all of our students and enable each student to be the best they can be.

AUSSIE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 February, 2018

School photo packages have been sent home with students. Students to take photo package and payment with them when having photos taken. **Do not hand into Office or Hub**

Tuesday February 13	Years 7, 9 & 11
Wednesday February 14	Years 9, 10, 12 and Changing Lanes

If students miss their photo time they can catch up at any time either day.

HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS

1. Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your payment form. Tick "order on line" box at top of order form and have your child hand it to the photographer on the day.
2. You can complete the pre-payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.
3. Choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images, CHOOSE preferred image, order 'SET' pack or create a package to suit.
4. If you are not purchasing photos or are ordering online later, please complete details printed in the 'pack selection' on order form and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on photo day.

If you do not wish to purchase photos, please tick the box printed at the top of the order form to say "am not buying photos today" and have your child hand the envelope to the photographer on photo day.

ALL QUERIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

photos@schoolphoto.com.au or go to the website at:
www.schoolphoto.com.au
Customer service – 03 9707 6655 or 03 9707 6653

SWIMMING SPORTS

On Thursday February 15 the College will be holding the annual Swimming Carnival at the Bairnsdale outdoor pool. We encourage all students to attend and wear their house colours and support their houses.

Bogong - Green	Tambo - Blue
Curlip - Orange	TanjiL - Red
Dargo - Yellow	Tarra - Purple

It is encouraged that all students try to participate in events throughout the day. At the beginning of the day all students will have a house assembly and then walk to the outdoor pool. During the day the swimming races (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and 4x50m relay) will occur. Music will be provided, as well as novelty events outside and inside the pool. The canteen will be open for student use and VCAL will also run a barbecue.

The last race of the day will be the Staff versus Students relay. After the last race the champion House will be announced and other various awards for the day.

STUDENT WELLBEING SERVICES

The student wellbeing services are available to all College students. The team consists of:

Jane West	Student Welfare Coordinator
Emma Porter	Social Worker
Vicki Wall	School Nurse
Katie Trevaskis	Youth Worker

Referrals to the service can be made through the Hubs.

DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Bairnsdale Secondary College has been fortunate to receive funding for the Doctors in Schools program. We anticipate this program will be up and running in Term 1, with the service based at the College.

SUNSMART

With the school Swimming Sports coming up on Thursday February 15, this is a timely reminder for students to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide to prevent sunburn and sun damage.



RECYCLE YOUR UNIFORM FOR STORE CREDITS!

The College's uniform supplier, Gippsland Safety Supplies and Workwear, now provides a service to families who wish to sell or purchase used Bairnsdale Secondary College uniforms. All items returned to the store in the condition described below will be given a 25% store credit. Used uniforms can be purchased at 50% of the cost of full priced items.

Clothes must be clean / freshly washed.

Clothes must be in saleable condition (no stains, holes, rips, zippers/buttons in working order)

All seams and hems must be sewn.

Alterations to original product will be assessed for quality.

Clothes must be current correct Bairnsdale Secondary College issue.

To benefit from this extra service, uniform items can be delivered to Gippsland Safety Supplies and Workwear in a package clearly labelled with your name, contact number, email address and items listed. Families can also choose to donate items if they wish.

STUDENT ACCIDENT/MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

If a student is ill or injured, our first point of contact is the student's parent/guardian so that they can seek what medical attention they feel is appropriate.

In an emergency situation, the College may call an ambulance or for any necessary medical attention on behalf of the student's parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians are reminded that DET does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

If a student is injured at school or during a school organised activity, then parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of medical treatment including transport costs (i.e. ambulance)

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers and/or ambulance cover is available from Ambulance Victoria.

2018 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*.

ICAS has taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and is now in more than 20 countries.

ICAS:

- are university backed and internationally recognised assessments
- are skills based assessments for students in Years 2-12
- are written by subject specialists and are available in the learning areas of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- reports the performance of your child through a 25-60 minute supervised in-school test. The length of each test depends on the subject and year level being tested. More information about each subject can be found at <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects>
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a child's academic strengths and weaknesses and tracks their progress by subject from Year 2 to Year 12
- uses other participating students' results as a reference point for comparing your child's performance
- provides excellent preparation for in-school and national tests.
- contains questions designed specifically to explore the abilities of children at all levels
- results are available to parents in a hard copy report and online
- reports indicate which questions were answered correctly and are highly suitable for inclusion in an academic portfolio for future tertiary entrance or when applying for a job
- are administered at school, so teachers can also access this valuable information about your child
- rewards the top student in each subject in each year level with a UNSW gold medal
- recognises all students with certificates of High Distinction, Distinction, Credit and Participation. For more information about awards and recognition go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/awards

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Bairnsdale Secondary College will be supervising tests on the following dates:

Science Tuesday May 29 (Entries close May 1)
English Tuesday July 31 (Entries close June 25)

Entry forms are available to students now and can be found at the Learning Hubs, Learning Resource Centre and the General Office. Forms must be signed by a parent and returned to school **prior** to the subject closing date. Any enquiries please contact **Lorry Kemp** at the College.

ARE YOU LOGGING INTO COMPASS?

Don't forget that you can give ongoing support to your child by monitoring their progress using COMPASS.

Just log in to:

<https://bairnsdalesc-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>

using the log in information that you have received from the school. Alternatively, you can now download the Compass App onto your phone or tablet for easy access via the Google Play Store or iTunes App Store.

You can use the Compass portal to:

- Read progress reports. These are produced every three to four weeks
- Read semester reports
- Monitor your child's attendance data
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your child
- View information about upcoming excursions
- Update your registered email and mobile phone number details (used for SMS alerts)
- Book for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- View the school calendar for important dates/events
- Access news items that may be posted on a daily basis
- Obtain an electronic copy of The Dragon (published on Newsfeed)
- If you have difficulty logging in, or you have misplaced your log-in details, please contact the College for assistance.

CAREERS NEWS

Experience La Trobe

Melbourne campus: April 6

Participate in interactive workshops to find out what studying at La Trobe is like. Register your interest –

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/events/experience-la-trobe-events>

ADF Careers Expo

Melbourne: Friday February 23 – Sunday February 25

Find out about career opportunities in the navy, army and air force from current serving ADF members. Find out more –

<https://www.facebook.com/events/403988486720505/>

For the latest news, events, updates and resources check out BSC Careers <http://bairnsdalesccareers.com/>

BREAKFAST PROGRAM 2018

Come to W16 from 8.00am each morning. We offer cereal, raisin toast, yoghurt, or fruit and a hot drink to start the day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



East Gippsland United Football Club

Outdoor Soccer Information and Try Out Sessions

East Gippsland United Football Club is inviting new and existing players to try out for its **Junior representative teams** for the 2018 Latrobe Valley Soccer League season.

Tuesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 15th ,

at Howitt Park, Princes Highway, Bairnsdale

Registration in the Club Rooms for U12-13, U15 Girls & U12 Boys start at 5pm

With trials commencing at 5.30pm

Registration for U14 & U16 Boys in Club Rooms start at 5.45pm

With trials commencing at 6.15pm

For further information please contact:

Amanda Bain: amanda_bain@bigpond.com or 0410 560 624

For information on U18, Senior men and women teams please contact:

Womens: Peter Camera - 0418 516 004 Mens: Toly Apostoleris - 0411 685 652

FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		7	8 7.30pm VCAL Parent Information evening	9	10	11
12 7.00pm New Music Enrolment – Parent information evening, Music Centre	13 Aussie School Photos	14 Aussie School Photos	15 BSC Swimming Carnival	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 2.00pm Swing band at Paynesville Music Festival 7.00pm at the Old Grain Store	25
26	27	28				

MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 5.00pm Swing band, Paynesville Yacht Club
12 LABOUR DAY No School	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 5.00pm – 8.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews	29 9.00am-1.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes) LAST DAY OF TERM 1	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31	