

The Dragon

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Our school values: Respect for self. Respect for others. Respect for the environment. Be the best you can be.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of the College,

I am pleased to announce our School Captains for 2019. Over 900 students voted, and each applicant was interviewed as part of the selection process. The Captains are Annie Rogers and Tom Southen, and the Vice Captains are Riley Carroll and Lydia Ingram. We congratulate each of them and know that they will serve our school commendably.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our current Captains, Anna Wilson and Jarrod Stephens and Vice Captains, Zoe Lanigan and Jacob Ellett, who have performed their roles with maturity and have been modest about their achievements. They have been excellent role models for all students throughout the College. Likewise, Tegan Benedetti and Laughlin Barlow have performed their roles as School Council Student Representatives, assisting School Council with dignity and assuredness and we thank them for their contribution.

On November 9 we held our Remembrance Day Assembly. All Year 9 assembled at our Memorial site and our special guest, the Vice President of the RSL, Ric O'Haire, recited the ode "For the Fallen".

On November 12 a sizeable crowd attended our Art Show which opened in Malgobila at 6.30pm. Well done to the students whose work was displayed and congratulations to our staff who set up the exhibition.

Year 7 students have participated in the recent transition days. Thank you to our Year 7 Hub staff and particularly, Renea Betts, who oversaw the transition days. In 2019 we will welcome the largest Year 7 group to enter the College in its entire history.

Our new hospitality building which arrived on November 21 will be operational for the beginning of 2019 and will reduce the pressure on our two food technology classrooms on the Wallace Street campus.

We entered two teams in the RACV Energy Breakthrough this year and both crews showed excellent teamwork in this endurance event. Reports from teachers were positive about the presentations made by each team, their hard work and their endurance during the event.

A group from the College also participated in The Great Victorian Bike Ride, where the team of students and staff did an admirable job to complete a ride of over 500km.

The End of Year Program will have a theme of 'space' and each Key Learning Area will present students with a different aspect of this theme. As part of the program a large space dome will be set up in Boucher Hall and students will enjoy one major day excursion.

The School Magazine has been completed and will be sent in the mail to all families.

Clontarf and the Smith Family conduct separate nights to celebrate Koori student achievement. Both these ceremonies are well supported by families and staff. The Clontarf Night was held on December 6 and highlighted the achievements of Koori boys at our College in 2018.

The Year 12 Graduation on November 22 was an excellent celebration of this important milestone by students, families, loved ones and staff. The night was well catered for and organised, and the students were a credit to themselves and their families. Thank you to the Senior Hub staff who worked tirelessly as a team to ensure the event was special.

John Butler has reported that our students' effort and behaviour during the VCE exams were highly commendable. Students will receive their ATARs later this week.

Kind Regards
Ian Hall.

WARGOMERRIN HUB – YEAR 7

As the end of the year approaches, the Wargomerrin Hub staff would like to thank the students for their hard work and efforts throughout the year. Transitioning from primary to secondary school is exciting but can also present students with challenges such as new peer groups and a change in structure to their schooling. The students showed resilience throughout the year and we wish them all the best for their transition into Year 8. We also hope the students will take up the many opportunities presented to them next year and during their years at Bairnsdale Secondary College.

There have been many highlights throughout 2018 including the Year 7 camp, participation in sporting events and carnivals, the



'Year 7's Got Talent' show, musical performances and others. However, one of the highlights has been watching the growth and development in the classroom and seeing the students living the School values in their everyday interactions within the College community.

We look forward to seeing many parents, family members and carers at the College's Presentation Evening where we will celebrate our students' achievements.

Finally, please ensure lockers are cleaned out before the end of the year and students bring home their completed work and projects.

WURRIN HUB – YEARS 8 – 9

It is hard to believe that 2018 is almost over. The Wurrin Hub staff feel as though it was only yesterday that we welcomed our Year 8 and 9 students and ran our first assemblies for the year. All students have now received their subject allocations for 2019. Please remember to return booklists to the 8/9 Hub or alternatively, submit them online via the School Works website. If any families have textbooks from 2018 that they would like to donate to the College, please hand them in at the 8/9 Hub to assist those in need. Similarly, if anyone has any uniform items that they no longer need, please consider donating them to the School.

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to the Year 9 students as they transition to the Malgobila campus for Year 10 next year. We thank them for being such a great group of students but know that 2019 will deliver new and exciting challenges.

We are looking forward to the final week of activities based on the theme of 'Space' and would like to take this opportunity to remind students to return their Raymond Island excursion permission forms to the Administration office as soon as possible. Much fun will be had in the inflatable 'Space Dome' in Boucher Hall and the excursion to Raymond Island will include Zorb Ball and Bungee Run activities, followed by a BBQ lunch.

We would like to remind students that they will need to clear out their lockers before the end of the term.

2018 has been full of learning, fun and achievement. We are proud of all the students and we encourage each of them to be the best they can be and to never compare themselves to others. As the saying goes, "A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms!"

We wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to working with the Year 8 and 9 cohorts in the Wurrin Hub next year.

Bairnsdale
SECONDARY COLLEGE

FINAL ASSEMBLY AND AWARDS EVENING

Wednesday 19th December 2018
Boucher Hall—Wallace Street
Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

All students, parents/carers and friends are welcome

Wargomerrin CAMPUS Wurrin CAMPUS Malgobila CAMPUS Nerran SCIENCE CENTRE

MALGOBILA HUB - YEARS 10 – 12

2018 Graduates

We farewelled our Class of 2018 on Thursday, November 22 at the *Riviera Christian Centre*. It was a fantastic celebration of the conclusion to thirteen years of education for all graduates, their families and friends.

VCE results are available to students from 7:30am on Friday, December 14.

We encourage all students, VCE and VCAL to continue to access assistance and any advice that we can provide here at the School in planning future studies or other options after Year 12.

2019 School Captains

At Bairnsdale Secondary College, we value student voice and are working towards our students having a higher profile in various aspects of their education. Part of this has been the introduction of Student Leadership teams at each year level.

Nominations were opened late last term for our 2019 School Captains. Eleven applicants visited each year level assembly to introduce themselves. Our entire student body then had the opportunity to vote for their preferred 2019 School Captains. Applicants were also interviewed by an appropriate panel who indicated that the field of applicants was extremely strong.

We are proud to introduce our 2019 College Captains, Thomas Southen and Annie Rogers, and our Vice-Captains, Riley Carroll and Lydia Ingram.



Headstart

All Headstart work for 2019 Year 11 and Year 12 students has been lodged on Compass. This can be found under the Teaching and Learning icon - the pencil. Open the 'School Resources' folder and the Head Start 2019 file is the last one on the list.

We have asked all students with no internet access at home to see us at the hub for hard copies of this Headstart work. We are

also more than happy to assist students and families with accessing Compass if they are uncertain about how to do so.

2019 Malgobila Hub

This week we welcomed our 2019 Year 10 students into Malgobila where they will have timetabled classes in order to aid with their transition into the Senior Hub.

Our 2019 Senior Hub Team will be led by Principal, Peter Falla. VCE and VCAL Co-ordinators: Belinda Neville and Mandy Holmes

Year 12 Coordinator: Janine Rooks
Year 11 Coordinator: Michael Cassidy
Year 10 Hub Leader: Justin Garry
Year 10 Coordinator: Emrah Karakan
Careers: Sue Monahu

Education Support staff associated with our Hub are Yvonne Rooney, Jaclyn Rutherford, Julie Turnor, Vicki Halford, Michelle Lancaster, Cathy Roworth, Trevor Buck, Bec Jewell and Gulsum Varis.

BOOK COLLECTION DAY

Students undertaking VCE/VCAL/VET subjects can collect their booklist orders on Tuesday December 18, 2018.

This is to enable students to commence any preparatory studies required for the 2019 school year.

WHERE: Schoolworks Supplies
147 Macleod Street,
Bairnsdale

Years 7 to 12 booklist orders will be available for collection from Bairnsdale Secondary College on Wednesday January 23, 2019 – 7.30am to 5.30pm

WHERE: Bairnsdale Secondary College
Wargomerrin Building
90 McKean Street,
Bairnsdale

Orders not collected on Book Collection Day can be picked up directly from Schoolworks Supplies.

LOCKERS

Students are requested to please clean out their lockers prior to the end of term.



PUP CAKES FOR RSPCA

VCAL group 1 students made approximately 60 cupcakes to donate to the RSPCA for the dogs. These cupcakes were sugar free and had wholegrain flour and honey with carrots and apples.



Special thanks to Judith Downie who worked with the RSPCA to complete the project and help the community.

Lachlan Howlett and Bastian Taylor's effort was particularly commendable. They made double batches to complete the numbers. Well done, Lachlan and Bastian!

ACTIVITIES WEEK - DECEMBER 17 - 21, 2018

During the last week of school, the College will be running an activities program for students. The activities will all be based around the theme of 'Space'. Students in their house groups will rotate through activities run by teachers in different Key Learning Areas. For example, Curlip students may do a science activity in the morning and an art activity in the afternoon. The College also has the Giant Science Discovery Dome as an activity. Over three separate days students, in their house groups, will also get the opportunity to undertake an excursion to Raymond Island where they will go on a cruise to Ocean Grange. Other activities for the day will include a BBQ lunch, zorb balls and a bungee run. Students will be back in time to catch their buses home. Permission notices have been sent home for the Activities Week excursion. There is no cost for students attending the activities week program and school uniform will not compulsory. Students are to wear a hat and sunscreen and bring a refillable water bottle for the excursion. For more information, please contact Tracey Rendell on 5150 4800.



WALK TO CHANGE THE STORY

November 28 was the third day of the UN's '16 Days of Activism' campaign - a global movement designed to end violence against women. With the help of the local community, the School was involved in the event, 'A Walk to Change the Story'. Over 1000 people came together as a community to stand up against violence and gender inequality.

The walk aimed to raise awareness about the violence that women and children experience within the community and served as an important opportunity for the children in our community to express how violence affects them.

The day consisted of a community march along Main Street, finishing at the All Abilities Playground. There, a barbecue hosted by the Bairnsdale Lions Club, activities, and information stalls were organised by local community groups and emergency services. There were several guest speakers from different organisations who discussed their experiences in male dominated workplaces and how things are developing and changing.

Students learned that there are many things they can do themselves to help end the violence, from avoiding sexist and demeaning comments to speaking up when they hear their friends speak in the same way.

The event was a huge success, and hopefully started a conversation that will help to end violence against women, both in Australia and around the world.



DROUGHT RELIEF PACKAGE

We are pleased to advise families that the Victorian Government has announced a one-off commitment of \$7.2 million to support children in the drought affected local government areas of Wellington and East Gippsland to continue to have equitable access to school education.

As part of this support, \$5 million has been provided to extend the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund to all families in East and Central Gippsland, commencing in Term 1, 2019.

Further information will be provided by the Department to schools prior to the start of Term 1, 2019.

The remaining part of this support is \$2.2 million to help families with children attending government schools with the cost of uniforms, shoes and other school items.

This support is being made available through State Schools' Relief, which has been providing uniforms to financially disadvantaged government school students since 1931.

Further information is available in the Drought Response Package that has been mailed out to families.

To make a Drought Response Package request, please complete and sign the form and return it to the College for forwarding to State Schools' Relief so that each request can be processed.

Breakfast program

The College has a breakfast program available to students every morning from 8.00am. Students are welcome to drop into W16 any weekday morning for a healthy breakfast.

WELLBEING

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 12 - 16

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions
- help to prevent behavioural problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

'Tuning in to Teens' shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and stronger in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success –
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: **headspace Bairnsdale**

When: **Term 1, 2019**

Contact: **5141 6200**



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 and correct Bairnsdale Secondary College issue.

Uniform items can also be delivered to *Gippsland Safety Supplies and Workwear* in a package clearly labelled with the sender's name, contact number, email address and each item listed. Families can also choose to donate items of School uniform if they wish.

LOGGING INTO COMPASS

Don't forget that all parents and carers can give ongoing support to their children by monitoring their progress using COMPASS.

Just log in to:

<https://bairnsdalesc-vic.compass.education/login.aspx> using the log in information received from the School. Alternatively, download the Compass App onto your phone or tablet for easy access via the Google Play Store or iTunes App Store. If, however, you have difficulty logging in or you have misplaced your log-in details, please contact the College for assistance.

The Compass portal can be used to:

- Read progress reports 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 forthcoming 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 daily
- Obtain an electronic copy of The Dragon (published on Newsfeed).

COMMUNITY NOTICES



ARTHUR GRASSBY SCHOLARSHIP





The Arthur Grassby Scholarships of \$5,300 are being made available to **Year 11** Students at Secondary Colleges across the East Gippsland Shire.

The award is an opportunity for a student to join a Kokoda Trek with 'Adventure Kokoda' in July, at no cost other than flights between Melbourne and Brisbane, a small amount of personal spending money and some equipment if needed.

Arthur Grassby is a Bairnsdale resident who fought with the 39th Battalion and was in the first Australian troops to encounter the Japanese at Kokoda. He was one of many Gippslanders to serve on the Kokoda Trail.

The successful applicant/student will be assisted with training prior to the trek and accompanied on the trek by one of the supporters of the Scholarship, Bernie Rowell. Bernie is currently a guide with 'Adventure Kokoda' and has completed the trek over 40 times.

HOW TO APPLY

The first step in the application process is to submit an essay of not less than 600 words outlining:

1. What does the Kokoda Story mean to Australia.
2. A Gippsland connection to the Kokoda Trail.

The essay must be received by the office of Tim Bull MP, Main Street, Bairnsdale by **5.00pm on Friday, March 29, 2019**, accompanied by a **parental permission note** indicating their support for their child to trek Kokoda in July this year if successful.

Full contact details (name, address, email and mobile) for students and parents should also be provided with the permission note. Students must also be available to attend a 20 minute in-person interview on Saturday, April 20, 2019 if shortlisted.

The essays will be judged and a short list of applicants will be selected to undergo an interview. From this interview process the successful applicants will be selected and students must make themselves available on the day of the interview.

KOKODA TREK DETAILS

- Duration of Trip is eight days (10 day trip all up). Length of Trail 100 km.
- A good level of fitness is required, in particular mental and physical endurance.
- International airfares, accommodation, meals in PNG and porter costs covered.
- Personal equipment (boots, clothing, medical supplies), flights between Melbourne and Brisbane, insurance and spending money to be covered by applicants (approx \$1000).
- Applicants will be assisted with training locally by previous Kokoda trekkers, including local MP, Tim Bull and shire CEO, Gary Gaffney (they will know Mt Taylor well by the time of departure!)
- Extensive detail about the trek company we use and Kokoda Trail can be found on the 'Adventure Kokoda' website: www.kokodatreks.com
- For any further details, please Tim Bull at tim.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au

WORK AVAILABLE

KFC Lakes Entrance are searching for energetic and enthusiastic casual team members.

Apply online at kfcjobs.com.au
or
apply in store.

COME AND TRY CROQUET

Croquet is a non-contact and inexpensive game which is usually played in groups of four. The game involves skill and decision making and is a great learning activity for younger players. It is played on our grounds in Pearson Street, near the corner of Grant Street each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning.

Many people think that croquet is an 'old person's game' because most of our members are seniors. However, younger people are taking up the game. The current Victoria Champion is just 20 years of age! Many clubs have members younger than this and soon there will be a tournament for under 20s.

We invite all students and teachers to consider attending on any given Saturday at 10.00am to try the game and, if interested, possibly include croquet as an extra-curricular activity. We have experienced players and equipment available to assist newcomers and all will be made very welcome.

For further information please contact:
Garry Ball - Mobile: 0419 887 695



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DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 7.00pm GALA Concert All senior ensembles. Boucher Hall	11 Year 6 Orientation Day	12 5.00pm – 7.00pm Girls at the Centre End-of-Year celebration	13 7.00pm Intermediate Band / Junior strings concert. Boucher Hall	14	15	16
17 Activities week	18 Activities week	19 Activities week 7.00pm – 8.30pm Awards ceremony Presentation evening Boucher Hall	20 Activities week	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						