Orientation Day

On Friday 31st January, we welcomed back all of our students to Senior School for our Orientation Day. We started the day with our first assembly for the year, outlining the theme for the year and our aim to raise expectations of our students, both academically and with their involvement in the co-curricular program. Students should always aim to achieve their best and constantly strive to improve upon what they do. It is also important that they can see the benefit in their skill development when they step outside their comfort zones and try new things and get involved in the co-curricular program. This involvement also assists students in feeling more connected to the College and each other, and can provide a great balance to the rigor and demands of their academic studies. Students then spent time in their pastoral care groups with their mentors, spending time getting to know the new students, revising Senior School policies and organising their timetables and lockers. It was lovely to see all students back looking refreshed from their break and enjoying the time to catch up and share holiday stories. I look forward to what should be another exciting, rewarding and successful year in Senior School.

Senior School Leadership Camp

On Friday 31st January, our House Leaders and Student Executive team headed off for our Leadership Camp at Lake Dewar, returning Saturday evening. Whilst the weather was very warm, the students were fantastic and took on every challenge and task with initiative, enthusiasm and great teamwork. Students tried their hand at standup paddleboarding and kayaking, tested their fear of heights on the flying fox, and worked together in team events to complete a series of tasks that tested not only their physical stamina but also their mental capabilities and logistical minds as they worked out the solutions to the challenges put before them. The camp was a great success and the students certainly learnt a lot about themselves and their fellow student leaders. I would also like to thank the staff that came along on this camp, giving up part of their weekend, Mr Toney, Mrs Barlow, Mr Schellander, Mrs Treloar, Mr Koren, Mr Huntington, Mr Laussen and Rev. Kim.
Year 12 VCE Study Day

A new initiative this year is the introduction of our Year 12 VCE Study and Preparation Day; Ready, Set, VCE. This day was held on Wednesday 5th February and is compulsory for all Year 12 students. This program is designed to assist students with starting their final year at the College feeling prepared, understanding the requirements of the VCE and to provide them with relevant skills and tips for completing Year 12. Guest speakers, workshops on study skills and goal setting and VCE forums were held as part of this program. This day was held at RMIT (city campus) and provided students with some insights into university life, which is an important part of their transition.

Information Evenings for Term 1

There are two key information evenings held in Term 1, and I would strongly encourage all parents and students to attend the relevant night/s for them.

VCE Information Evening - Thursday 6th February

This information evening will be held in the Assembly Hall (Sports and Performing Arts Building) starting at 7.30pm for all parents of Year 11 and 12 students (students are also encouraged to attend this evening). This information evening provides a forum for the intricacies of the VCE to be explained and an opportunity to meet the Heads of House, LifeChoices Co-ordinator and VCE Co-ordinator. The evening should be finished by 9.00pm.
Year 10 Information Evening - Thursday 13th February

A special information evening is held for all students in Year 10 in the Assembly Hall (Sports and Performing Arts Building) from 7.00-8.30pm. This is an important occasion as it provides an opportunity for parents to meet with your son/daughter's Mentor, Head of House and members of the Senior School Leadership Team. Each of these people play an integral role in the academic and personal development of all students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Academic, developmental and procedural issues will be discussed, along with the wide array of sporting, cultural and community service opportunities available for all members of the Senior School.

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