Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another school year. It was delightful to see all of our Senior School students for their Orientation Day on Friday 30th January, full of excitement and reconnecting with friends and teachers. I thank all students for how beautifully presented they were on the first day for their photos, and hope that this standard of uniform is maintained throughout the year. On the Friday afternoon, our Student Leadership Team (Student Executive and House Leaders) set off for their Leadership camp at Lake Dewar. We had an incredible two days, completing a variety of teamwork based activities, developing the skills necessary for their leadership roles this year and sharing in a lot of laughs and fun times. I thank all the student leaders for their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved in all of the activities, especially heading off to camp on the first day back at school!

Classes began in Senior School on Monday 2nd February and for our Year 12 students the first day of their last school year commenced. I wish all students a great 2015 and look forward to being able to share in their successes throughout the year.

Photo Order Forms

All students had their school photos taken on Friday 30th January. If a student was absent on this day, alternative arrangements will be made for them to have their individual photo taken. All photo order forms are due back by Monday 9th February.

Year 12 Ready, Set... VCE Day

Our Year 12 VCE Study and Preparation Day; Ready, Set... VCE, will be held on Wednesday 4th 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 will be held as part of this program. This day will be held at RMIT (city campus), which will provide 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 5th 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.

**Year 10 Information Evening – Thursday 12th February**
A special information evening is held for all students in Year 10 in the Assembly Hall (Sports and Performing Arts Building) from 7.00pm-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.

**Enhancement Program**
Our enhancement program will again operate on a Tuesday afternoon and the program for Term 1 is now available for students. The enhancement program is time available for Year 11 and 12 students where they do not have formal classes scheduled but must attend all relevant sessions as required. These sessions could include guest speakers, study skills workshops, revision classes and completion of assessment tasks. Two key dates for Year 11 students are **Tuesday 17th February** and **Tuesday 3rd March**, where presenters from Elevate Education will provide practical workshops for students on study techniques and time management skills. Students are asked not to make appointments or have other commitments during their required enhancement program times.

**Coming Events**

**Thursday 5th February**
Year 11 and 12 Information Evening (7.30pm-8.30pm)

**Thursday 12th February**
Year 10 Information Night (7.00pm-8.30pm)

**Monday 16th February**
House Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 25th February**
Year 10 Immunisations

**Thursday 26th February**
Year 12 Parent Forum

**Friday 6th March**
Schools Alive Tours

**Monday 9th March**
Labour Day Holiday

**Thursday 12th March**
Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (surnames ending A-L)

**Friday 13th March**
Senior School year level presentations with Paul Dillon

**Monday 16th March**
Parent Education Evening- Digital Technology Workshop (Sports and Performing Arts Building - Keilor Campus)
7.00pm)

**Tuesday 17th March**
Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (surnames ending M-Z)

**Friday 20th March**
ACS Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 24th March**
House Performance

**Friday 27th March**
Last day of Term 1