**Student Leadership**

There are various formal leadership positions available for students at Canowindra. These include:

- Canowindra Captains
- House Captains
- Class Captains

Students can gain a great deal through the leadership opportunities provided by the College. We encourage students who may be interested in 2015 positions to apply through the processes advertised at Canowindra. A full explanation of the positions available will be provided at the Canowindra Assembly on Friday 13th February.

**Focus Weeks 2015**

Focus Week 1 begins on Monday 16th February. Focus Weeks are an important component of the program at Canowindra. A Focus Week is a full week when regular classes pause and students continue their learning by rotating through eight different programs throughout the year. This allows students to delve deeply into topics and participate in hands on learning in a range of environments and through a variety of experiences. A review of Year 9 in 2014 has led to improvements to this program. Key changes of the 2015 program include:

- Full days dedicated to the Focus Week program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, allowing students to explore their topics in greater depth
- A newly created Mighty Melbourne program, which includes two city based weeks
- Targeted learning workshops enabling students to refine and build their skills in a range of areas

**Focus Week Topics:**

- **Active Kids:** An opportunity for Year 9 students to put into action and practice their understanding of learning and motor skill acquisition through organising and co-ordinating a tabloid sports event for Junior School students.
- **Camps:** Either the two Outdoor Education camps, contributing to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, or the Waratah Bay three day camp for all students not undertaking the Outdoor Education program.
- **Ecosystems:** A Science based Focus Week in which students investigate organisms, their relationships within an ecosystem and sustainability. This Focus Week also includes an excursion to the Ecolinc Science and Technology Innovations Centre.
- **Grand Designs:** Aligned to the core Mathematics program, this Focus Week enables students to apply their mathematical skills and financial literacy to a hands on design project.
- **Mighty Melbourne:** A two week city based exploration into the History of Melbourne, small group research and
an inquiry into the contemporary urban issues.

- **Ministry of Performance**: A group based exploration into religious, ethical and social values in order to devise a dramatic performance to be presented in the form of a Canowindra Chapel service.
- **Writers Workshop**: The creation of an illustrated text for a Junior School student, exploring artistic and literary techniques as well as considerations into early childhood literacy.

**Canowindra car parking**

For all new parents to Canowindra, we ask that you park in Robertsons Road when picking up your children. The car park inside our gates is just large enough for staff cars and is too small to safely be used as a pick-up zone. It is also busy with students heading out in different directions across the driveway.

Having been an Overnewton parent for 15 years my tip is to avoid the congestion if you have a few minutes to spare by arriving 10-20 minutes after 3.20pm.

On Thursday afternoons, after ACS sport, things can get quite messy if cars are parking in or near the driveway since buses will be arriving and need to negotiate this entrance for safe drop-off.

Please help us to keep all our Canowindra students safe.

*Students busy in the new Humanities Depth Study, Digging Deeper*