



Maffra Secondary College

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School Newsletter: February 2019

Acting Principal's Report

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to all of our students, families and community members. I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to our Year 7 students and to all other students new to our College. Our Year 7 students have settled in well and are currently preparing to head off to camp in Licola on Wednesday 27th February. I look forward to meeting all of our new students over the next few weeks.

For those parents and community members who do not know me, my name is Cheryl Evans and I will be Acting Principal throughout Term 1 this year as we work through the process of finding a suitable replacement for Adam Hogan. On behalf of the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Adam for his leadership, dedication and the work that he has done over the past 5 years as a teacher and leader within our school. Although it is disappointing to see him leave, we understand and confer that 'family' must come first and thus we wish Adam all the best in his new endeavors as the Principal of Lowanna Secondary College in Newborough.

On behalf to the College community, I would also like to welcome our new staff. These include: **Teaching Staff** - Andrew Quirk (Health & PE), Jessica Brown (English), Chenyi Wu (Mandarin), Xu Xing 'Simon' (Mandarin Assistant), Marita Fry (English), Riley Shefford (Science) and **Integration Aides / Student Support** - Kirsty Missen, Mark Lomas, Julie Bennett, Michael Airey, Byron Sandeman, Samantha Blackledge. These staff have complimented our existing teams and have been busy getting to know our students over the past couple weeks in their new roles within the College.



Cheryl Evans—Acting Principal

We have certainly hit the ground running with VCE / VCAL & Year 7 information evenings taking place over the last couple of weeks. These evenings have allowed parents and students to connect with key staff and to hear some practical ideas to support their child in their learning.

One of our key areas of work this year will be based around Literacy in particular **reading for meaning and understanding**. This will be a key area of focus in Year 7 and part of the work staff will be doing in their PLC (Professional Learning Communities) teams across the year.

Our Year Level Teams have changed slightly from last year. If you have queries regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's specific classroom teacher and/or their Year Level Leader and/or Assistants to discuss ways that we can work together to improve their social, emotional and educational outcomes:

Year 7: Kylie Lambert & Matt Redenbach

Year 8: LaShay Tricker & Fiona Ray

Year 9: Belinda Marshall & Brett Hudson

Year 10: Daniel Murphy & Sue Clancy

Senior: Sarah Whitwam, Carol Caffrey (12) & Nicole Heber (11)

Upcoming Events

February 2019

27th Feb-1st Mar—Year 7 Camp

27th—Interschool Gymkhana

March

4th-7th — Year 8 Camp

8th—VCE English Workshop

11th—Labour Day Holiday

12th—Bairnsdale Interschool clay target competition

13th—Year 7 cricket

22nd—Wellington volleyball competition

22nd—Wellington tennis competition

25th—Intermediate boys cricket

27-29th—Year 9 Camp

29th—Studio Arts Excursion

School Council Meeting

19th February - 7pm

19th March - 7pm

Parents' Club Meeting

4th March - 7pm

Acting Principal's Report—Continued

Student voice and agency are two areas which our Year Level Teams will continue to focus on as we build on the great work that was achieved last year. Students are encouraged to be active participants in their learning, by being clear on where they are at and what they need to do to move forward remembering that with effort everyone can achieve success. Posi-Slips and Community postcards continue to be a fantastic way to acknowledge positive behaviours both within and outside the classroom. These are complimented with the reintroduction of our **College Wide Student Planners (Diary)**. These planners assist students to develop their organisational skills and are an excellent way to communicate with your child's teachers. Please do not hesitate to use them for this purpose. Parents are also encouraged to use **COMPASS** as a tool to check on your child's learning outcomes. These are a great starting point for conversations around what your child is learning and to celebrate the growth and achievement they have made.

Progress reports will be published this week on COMPASS. These will be used to give your child feedback on how they are going in each of their subjects. All students will be using their progress report data to set individual goals in their 'Learning to Learn' class this week. Parents can access their child's Progress Report via the '**free**' **COMPASS School Manager App** on their phone and or via the internet. If you do not have a login code or you are having difficulties accessing **COMPASS** please do not hesitate to contact the school on 51471790.

Last Wednesday 13th February, although it was a cool day weather wise, majority of our students participated in an extremely successful swimming carnival at the Maffra Pool. A big thank you to all staff involved, in particular, to Sue Clancy and Fiona Rathnow for their organisation of the event. **'Congratulations' to Avon (Blue) House** for their win. Lastly, **congratulations to all students** who attended as they participated with enthusiasm throughout the entire day. A great day was had by all.

Cheryl Evans - Acting Principal



Sarah Whitwam—VCE Team Leader

Senior Years

The leadership team have hit the ground running, heading up senior briefing at 8:50am every Wednesday morning, running student leadership meetings Wednesday lunchtime and already applying to school council for a years' worth of social justice and community fundraising activities for example a food drive for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, dress in yellow for RUOK Day and environmental initiatives. They have promoted Rotary Model United Nations and leadership activities and have had their team increase with the addition of House Captains.

The VCE Information Night was kicked off with torrential, tropical downfall followed quickly by a presentation by Mark from Edrolo, the study support program used by the school to maximise student's connection to materials on the VCE Study Designs. The use of Edrolo supports the research that suggests previewing material before class is a successful study technique as is reviewing and recalling information regularly with tasks like completing quizzes and exam questions. These are some of the many study tools we encourage in all year levels and in VCE we have the advantage of the digital program to further enhance learning in many subjects.

Along with Edrolo the VCE information session outlined the VCE process, the ATAR, SEAS applications, scholarships, visiting Universities and keeping balance in the life of a VCE student. The value of the discipline of study within a routine that allows social opportunities, work, family and friends. The development of organisational tools like study planners will be a priority in Learn to Learn and it is advised that students also keep their study schedule at hand in their school diaries.

VCAL students had their first TAFE day this year and returned enthused with the possibilities that lie ahead as they map out their pathways into the work force. The VCAL teachers are working towards harnessing the enthusiasm and developing as many hands on opportunities as possible especially with a focus on community connections. Work placements will gain traction as the Work Related Skills Unit 1 is completed in class and students will be able to experience learning in the workforce.

If anyone is keen to have a Maffra Secondary VCAL student on work placement on Tuesdays for a block of time, please get in touch with the Senior team and we will work towards linking up these opportunities with the right student.

As for a flying start to the school year – it certainly has been, and we are keen to keep the momentum going!

VCE Leadership Team





*Belinda Marshall
Yr 9 Team Leader*



*Brett Hudson
Yr 9 Assistant Team Leader*

Year 9 News

The Year 9 students have had a fantastic start to the year. It's fantastic to see so many of our students making the most of the learning opportunities so far this year. This term we have a focus on acknowledging positive behaviours and so far, year 9 have earned 359 posi-slips for the term. Students are awarded posi-slips for positive behaviours in Learning, Community, Environment and Respect.

Our Students of the week are selected from our posi-slip data and these students are:

Week 2:

Nick Bennett - Working really well in a Connect extra class and completing the set task

Nathan Goodwin - Keeping on task, engaging in conversations pertaining to narrative writing and being respectful of his classmates learning

Lily Derickx - Excellent work in Food studies producing a yeast based pizza

Xander Brooks - For a great effort revising Pythagoras' Theorem in Maths

Week 3:

Nadia Rush – For earning 5 posi-slips during week 3

Jamie Lenne – For earning 6 posi-slips during week 3

Lenny Marshall - Great effort to improve his understanding of ecosystems in Marine Biology

Nick Johnson - For remaining focused and completing work, seeking assistance when needed

Congratulations to Ben Missen who was age champion at our recent swimming carnival. Ben came 1st place in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. Ben will be joined by, Xander Brooks and Nick Johnson on the Maffra Secondary College swimming team.



A reminder that parents should have received two notes regarding the camps for Year 9 students. Our first camp to Cape Paterson is in week 9, while our Melbourne Camp will be happening in Term 3. This year our leadership team is helping with the planning of our Cape Paterson camp. These students are Jackson Jacobs, Jamie Lenne, Ed Phelan-Penson, Lenny Marshall, Angus Neeves, Lily Dierickx, Nakita Goodman, Sarah Dekkers, Madison Payne and Katie Driffield. This team of students have been extremely proactive in their approach to meetings and organise activities/groups for students to participate in.

If you have any questions regarding the Year 9 program, camp or your child's progress please get in touch with Belinda Marshall or Brett Hudson at Maffra SC (51471790) or via email marshall.belinda.k@edumail.vic.gov.au or hudson.brett.t@edumail.vic.gov.au. Progress reports will be available via compass on the 14th of February.



Kerry Liddell - First Aid

First Aid/Sick Bay

Hi and welcome to a new year at MSC. Here at the College we provide immediate first aid treatment for students in the case of accident or illness. However, we have limited resources and as such do not have the facilities to care for students for extended periods of time. If the ailment requires medical attention appropriate treatment should be sought from a health professional.

With this in mind, it is extremely important that we have current contact details for parents and guardians.

It is also very important that you provide the school with a number of emergency contacts in case you are unavailable or the school cannot reach you if your child becomes ill or is injured.

Parents and carers who collect their child from school for any reason (other than an emergency) must sign the child out of the school in the register located at the Main Office.

Thank you

Kerry Liddell

First Aid

2019 Debutante Presentation Ball

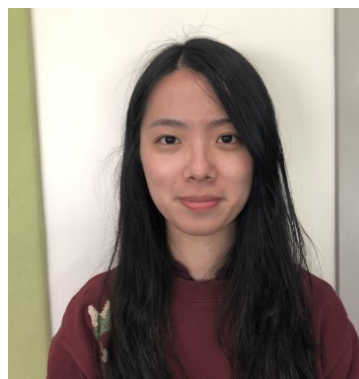
Friday 5th April, 2019

Sale Memorial Hall

FINAL PAYMENTS FOR DEB BALL DUE NOW

Languages Domain

Introduction of new staff members.



I'm Chenyi Wu.

I come from Shanghai, China. It's a very modern and crowded city. I went to Monash University in Melbourne. Hoping to reach out to more audience, and to show more students the beauty of Chinese language and culture, I came to Maffra Secondary College. I'm also a photographer and videographer. My greatest interest is to document my life using visual images.



Hello, my name is XU XING.

You can call me Simon. I am 25 years old. I am from China and it is my first time come to AUSTRALIA as the Mandarin Language Assistant. I am really excited to be here to share Chinese language and culture with all members in the Maffra Secondary College community. I am enjoying the AUSSIE culture and I wish we all have a good time together.

Language Assistant — Accommodation Needed

We are very fortunate to have a new Chinese Language teacher Chenyi Wu and a new Language assistant - Xu Xing 'Simon' working at our school this year. Both Ms Wu & Simon are enthusiastic new additions to our team who will work together to provide our students with valuable knowledge and skills associated with Chinese Culture and of course Language. Simon will also help to provide students with additional language support in the classroom and he will be working closely with both Maffra and Cobains Primary Schools and their language programs throughout the year.

We are currently looking for some families to host 'Simon' throughout the year. Families who act as a host will be paid a weekly allowance to assist with the extra costs involved. We are seeking accommodation for Simon for Term 2 however if you are able to assist beyond this, Terms 3 & 4, please contact the school. Hosting an International visitor can be an extremely rewarding cultural experience. If you are able to assist for all or part of term 2, please contact Donna Missen or Cheryl Evans at the College on 51471790.

House Captains

Avon:

Captains: Abbie Ross, Aiden Smith

Vice Captains: Riley Havers, Kasey Fitzpatrick, Mikayla Underwood,

Freestone:

Captains: Deacon Williams, Jake Giles

Vice Captains: Narelle Brown, Rohan Abbott

Macalister:

Captains: Maddie Davis, Mat Angliss

Vice Captains: Talana Leighton, Harry Conway, Shae Oakley

Thomson:

Captains: Alex Kuizenga, Steph Britton

Vice Captains: Lucy Capurso, Maddy Smith,

2019 Inter house swimming carnival

Despite the coolish weather on Wednesday, our students attended in good numbers – there was a 70% attendance rate at the inter house swimming carnival. Our senior students lead the way in both participation and colour. It was very satisfying to see them take on their leadership roles with such enthusiasm and I believe that this is a great start for inter house sport in 2019.

Congratulations to all the students who braved the cold wind to swim, to all the students who attended wearing their house colour and those who supported their friends so enthusiastically.

Special mention goes to the age group champions -

12-13 year boy – Jye Missen

12 – 13 year girl – Charlie Northway

14 year boy – Shaq Coridas & Ben Dekkers

14 year girl – Mia Allen

15 year boy – Ben Missen

15 year girl – Sophie Allen

16 year boy – Bevan O'Doherty

16 year girl – Mikeely Hone

17 year boy – Blake Roberts

17 year girl – Abbie Ross

18 year boy – Reece Bedggood

18 year girl – Mikayla Underwood

Maffra Secondary College Inter house Swimming Carnival results were

1st – Avon (Blue)

2nd – Thomson (Gold)

3rd – Macalister (Red)

4th – Freestone (Green)

Congratulations to Avon and the great leadership shown by the house captains!

Thanks to all those parents and family members who attended. We always welcome parent involvement and support as we know that students also love to see you at these events.

Finally a huge “thank you” to all the staff who assisted during the day. It was fantastic!

Lunchtime Activities



Ainsley Butcher

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday there will be lunchtime activities available for students to participate in. Activities include The Friday Forum, Language Angels, Board games and outdoor small games. If you have any board games or sporting equipment not being utilised at home, please feel free to donate them to the Year 7 team office for use in this developing program.

Photos from our Collingwood AFL players visit



2019 CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1

MON 28TH JAN NO SCHOOL	TUES 29TH JAN NO SCHOOL	WED 30TH JAN HELP NEEDED	THURS 31ST JAN HELP NEEDED	FRI 1ST FEB SHARNELLE ANLEZARK IRENE DEVISSER
MON 4TH FEB MELISSA Mc DONALD MARGARET BELL	TUES 5TH FEB CHRISTINA COOPER	WED 6TH FEB HELP NEEDED	THURS 7TH FEB NATASHA JOHNSTON	FRI 8TH FEB DIANNE BEDNARSKI
MON 11TH FEB SANDRA DEKKERS TAMSYN LENN'E	TUES 12TH FEB SUZY MAKARA ANGELA CRUICKSHANK	WED 13TH FEB EMMA WILLIAMSON	THURS 14TH FEB MICHELLE POWELL	FRI 15TH FEB KERRY FLETT N/A JACQUI SVENSON
MON 18TH FEB NATASHA DOWSETT KIMBERLEY DAVIES	TUES 19TH FEB JESSICA HOOPER BELINDA CHANNING	WED 20TH FEB JUSTINE LOWERY	THURS 21ST FEB REBECCA ADDISON	FRI 22ND FEB LEAH SCOTT LEANNE GALLATLY
MON 25TH FEB RACHAEL HAINSWORTH MELINDA BENTVELZEN	TUES 26TH FEB KELLIE MISSEN VIV JOHNSTONE	WED 27TH FEB LAUREN CATER	THURS 28TH FEB HELP NEEDED	FRI 1ST MARCH SHARNELLE ANLEZARK IRENE DEVISSER
MON 4TH MARCH MELISSA Mc DONALD MARGARET BELL	TUES 5TH MARCH CHRISTINA COOPER	WED 6TH MARCH HELP NEEDED	THURS 7TH MARCH NATASHA JOHNSTON	FRI 8TH MARCH DIANNE BEDNARSKI
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Just want to say thank you to all past and present helpers

If you can help out when needed, that would be great

Please be sure to order your lunch in the morning or recess as you may miss out



Sports Uniform Order

If you require Sports Uniform it is advised to place an order as we have limited stock available

SIZING CHART FOR NEW SPORTS UNIFORM

Polo's and Track Jackets	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Shorts & Track pants	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
To Fit Chest Measuring:	60	64	68	75	80	86	90	To Fit Waist Measuring:	56	58	60	62	64	66	70
Polo's and Track Jackets	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	Shorts & Track pants	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
To Fit Chest Measuring:	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	To Fit Waist Measuring:	75	80	85	90	95	100	105



MAFFRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Student Name:

Sizes	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	Unit Price	TOTAL PRICE
Sport Polo															\$50.00	
Boy Sport Short															\$45.00	
Girl Sport Short															\$45.00	
Track Top															\$90.00	
Track Pants															\$60.00	
Hat															\$10.00	
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PAYMENT DETAILS

NAME OF CARDHOLDER: AMOUNT:

☐ Bankcard ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque

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Expiry Date: /

Signature:



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





DROUGHT ASSISTANCE - APPLICATION FORM

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Address: _____

Town/suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Shire/Local Government Area (LGA) - tick appropriate box:

East Gippsland ☐

Wellington ☐

NOTE – the drought assistance payment is only available to families residing in one of these LGA's.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

All enrolled students residing in the drought affected Local Government Areas (LGAs) are eligible for the Drought Assistance payment.

The Drought Assistance Application Form must be lodged at the school by **5 April 2019**.

PAYMENT AMOUNT

This one-off payment of \$375 per student is only available in 2019 and will be paid to the school. Families who are eligible for the means tested CSEF payment are also eligible to receive the Drought Assistance payment.



Drought assistance payment available - Apply now

In October 2018 the Victorian government announced a drought response package targeting Central and East Gippsland.

Financial assistance will be extended to all primary and secondary students attending a registered school or residing within the Wellington or East Gippsland Local Government Areas

As part of this drought assistance package, all **Maffra Secondary College** students are eligible for a drought assistance payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

This includes parents and independent students that do not hold a means-tested concession card, but are experiencing financial hardship as a result of drought conditions. Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. A 'one off' amount of \$375 per student will be paid to the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.

How to apply:

Complete a CSEF drought package application form and return it to the school office by April 5th.