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NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Principal's Report

I would like to welcome everyone back for our 2018 school year, with a special welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families and to other students and families joining us for the first time this year. It was fantastic to see our newest students getting straight into the business of learning last week and I hope their first day at secondary school is one that they will look back fondly upon.

Year 7 BBQ

We would like to invite Year 7 students and their parents to join us this week for a BBQ on Wednesday, 7th of February at 6.00pm. It will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about the programs that your students will be engaged with and how you can support them at home. The free BBQ will be cooked up by our senior school college leaders.

Welcome to our New Staff

We welcome a number of outstanding new staff to our team this year. Keep reading this newsletter to see a short profile of each of our new teaching staff. Also joining our team this year is Mark Read our new Laboratory Technician.



L-R Andrew Nicholls, Rachel Meads, Caitlin Noone, Jessica Edwards & Rae Wood.

Swimming Sports

This Friday the college will conduct the annual swimming sports. The swimming sports is a great day on our calendar, where students can compete, cheer and socialise among their peers and staff. The swimming sports is a compulsory part of the school program and I would strongly encourage all parents to ensure that their children attend and join in the fun.

PAUL TOZER
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mick Holding (President), Jacqui Martin (Vice President), Paul Tozer, Jennifer Attard, Peter Smyth, Christine Sigley, Pam McPherson, Graeme Sprunt, Roger Jones, Andrea Holmes, and Donna Grandell.

Next Meeting Date— 5th February 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 7 Year 7 BBQ 6.00pm
- 9 Swimming Sports—all students expected to attend
- 12 Student Leaders Induction Assembly 12.15pm
- 12 School Photos
- 14-16 Year 7 Camp

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Welcome back to our wonderful year 8 – 12 students!!!! It has been fantastic to catch up with you and learn about the adventures you have had over the holidays. Welcome also to our Year 7 classes, and to students years 8 – 12 who are beginning their education at Numurkah Secondary College. There is a great sense of energy and purpose amongst students and teachers, which will help to ensure a productive, engaging and happy 2018 for our college community.

Doctors In Secondary Schools Program

As you may be aware, our school was successful in being selected to participate in the Victorian Government Doctors in Secondary School Program. On February 13th we welcome Dr Liesel Diener to our wellbeing team. Dr Diener, a general practitioner, will provide free access to primary health care for students at our school.

We know that teenagers are the least likely of all age groups to seek health care, but we also know that many health problems can have consequences into adulthood start at this time of life. Students will be able to access the GP themselves, or you can make appointments for them by contacting the General Office. You are also welcome to attend consultations with them, if/when required.

Generally, all students can make an appointment to see the GP. Victorian law is clear on how and when students can consent for medical treatment by a GP:

Students who are mature minors can consent to their own medical treatment

Students who are not mature minors cannot give consent to their own medical treatment

Mature minors are students under the age of 18 years who are deemed capable of seeking and obtaining health care for their particular medical issue. Dr Diener will assess if a student is a mature minor with respect to the issue for which they are seeking medical treatment.

If Dr Diener considers your child is a mature minor, they may see them without you. Dr Diener will often encourage your child to involve you in their care, and GP's understand you are an important source of information and support for your child when it comes to their health. If Dr Diener thinks your child is not a mature minor, your consent will be sought if the student wishes to progress with the treatment.

More information on consent, confidentiality and medical treatment is included in the information sheet, which is on the Doctors in Secondary Schools webpage at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/doctors-secodnary-schools.aspx>.

If you have any concerns or questions about the Doctors in Secondary Schools Program, you can discuss them with School Program Lead Francesca Corbo.

2018 Student Leader Induction Assembly

It is with much anticipation that I look forward to the 2018 NSC Student Leaders Induction Assembly, which will take place on Monday February 12th at 12.15pm. Congratulations to the students who have demonstrated their pride in our college through their desire to serve as a Student Leader. I have no doubt that with Ms Willis's guidance and expertise, you will further develop skills in teamwork, communication, public speaking and social service. Parents and family are both welcome and encouraged to attend the assembly.

NSC Uniform Policy

Thank you to the students and parents who have ensured that school uniform is being worn – and worn with pride. Please note, non-uniform items worn under the NSC uniform *must not be visible*. Shoes *must* be black. If you are having difficulties accessing the correct uniform, please feel free to contact me to discuss. Wearing our NSC Uniform ensures a sense of belonging and connectedness for all of our students.

JENNIFER ATTARD
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



Follow the Numurkah Secondary College facebook page for action shots of our students attending excursions, updates, and sometimes the fun activities your child is having at school!

Welcome to our New Staff



ANDREW NICHOLLS (PE / Outdoor Education Teacher)

Why did you decide to become a teacher? Due to my love sport I wanted to get a job that allowed me to be outdoors when I was at work. I never wanted to have to sit behind a desk for the day.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? Playing golf at Numurkah and Cricket at Katandra keeps me very occupied outside of school hours. My ideal afternoon is 9 holes catching up with mates.

What was the last book you read? Former Test cricketer Chris Rogers' Autobiography *Bucking the Trend* and I am currently reading *The Cricket War* by Gideon Haigh about WSC.

Anything else you would like to share—I am looking forward to getting to know the students at NSC over the next few weeks and promoting the awesome subject that is Outdoor Education!!



JESSICA EDWARDS (English / Humanities)

Why did you decide to become a teacher? It's a career that I can take anywhere in the world, and there's always new challenges and opportunities! The best part of the job is seeing students succeed in their chosen pathway, I enjoy working out what makes every student unique, and helping them achieve their goals.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? Play guitar, read, rock-climb, travel, build props and some furniture.

What was the last book you read? *A Face Like Glass*- Frances Hardinge



RAE WOOD (English / Learning Specialist)

Why did you decide to become a teacher? I have always wanted to be a teacher. I was one of those children that lined her toys up and played school. During a careers day at high school, I decided that I was definitely going to be a Drama and English teacher. My inspiration and role model was my high school Drama teacher, Lana Salter. I majored in Drama and Language/ Literature and have been teaching for over 20 years. The highlight of my job is that I get to work with really amazing young people. They all have different talents and strengths, and it is truly amazing when I get to see them achieving their true potential.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? I am a Theatre nerd so I love going to see shows and plays. I have recently rediscovered my own passion for acting and have been cast in *Beauty and the Beast* as "Madame deGarderobe" so I am learning lines and rehearsing. I enjoy spending time my family and friends who are also very important aspects of my life. I also love shopping, cooking and dancing.

What was the last book you read? *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks

Anything else you would like to share... I don't like pineapple on pizza!



RACHEL MEADS (PE / Health)

Why did I decide to become a teacher? I have always loved sport both in out of school and wanted to be in a profession that wasn't a desk job

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? Play sport, go to concerts, eat delicious food

Last book I read: *Oliver Kitteridge*- by Elizabeth Strout



CAITLIN NOONE (Maths / Music)

Why did I decide to become a teacher? I have always had a gret love for maths and music. I decided to leave a career in Chemical Engineering when I found a rewarding part-time job tutoring maths and teaching piano lessons. It is awesome helping students achieve their vest and seeing them reach their goals.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? In my down times, I enjoy making music and honing my video game skills.

Last book I read: *Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

WELCOME TO OUR 2018 YEAR 7 STUDENTS



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

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

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 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 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Secondary School Vaccinations in 2018

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Moira Shire immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2018 if you do not want your contact details given to the Moira Shire immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).



Kids Chat 2 You

Find the right communication aid for your child
FREE Workshop

An experienced speech pathologist will present on non-electronic communication aids and how access them now and in your child's NDIS plan. (2.5 hours).

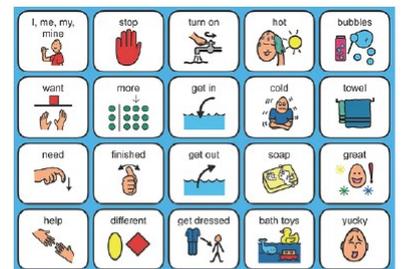
FREE Consultations

We are also offering a **limited number** of information consultations to get advice specific to your child's communication needs. (1 hour).

You will receive a FREE Communication Aid for your child!

Coming to an area near you! bit.ly/KidsChat2You
Register your interest online or call **9843 2000**

Suitable for children with speech, language, communication difficulties, their families and support networks.



Get a message across

Learn new skills

Reduce anxiety & challenging behaviour

Follow instructions

Learn routines



Owner and Operator of *Westfield* in Australia and New Zealand



Dairy Industry BBQ lunch

FREE BBQ LUNCH

**ACTIVITIES FOR
KIDS**

PRIZES

**CHAT WITH THE
AGBIZ WORKER**



**COME AND
MEET
YOUR AGRI- SAFE
CLINICIAN SUE
CROWTHER**

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018

NUMURKAH DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE

COMMUNITY ROOM

2 KATAMATITE ROAD NUMURKAH

LUNCH FROM 12:30PM - 2:30PM

**THIS IS A SOCIAL LUNCH FOR DAIRY FARMERS IN THE MOIRA SHIRE
PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING (03) 5862 0560 FOR CATERING
RSVP TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY**

**Numurkah**
DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE