

Calendar

YEAR 9 HALF DAY HIKE
FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY 2nd MARCH

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
TUESDAY 3rd MARCH

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P & F MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL... Caps Over the Wall

Frank O'Connor, the famous Irish writer, used to tell an interesting story about when he was a boy. When he and his friends used to roam the countryside looking for an orchard where they might find apples, they sometimes ran across one surrounded by a very high wall. If they thought the wall was too high to climb they would throw their caps over it. They then had no choice but to follow. They were committed. Somehow or other they had to climb that wall, and they did.

On the day before he died, John Kennedy, then told this story to a group of space scientists. That was when sending a man to the moon was still, to most people, only a wild dream.

Kennedy was one of the dreamers who thought it could be done. So he said to the scientists: 'We have to throw our caps over this wall and we will climb it. We shall then explore the wonders of the other side.' What's your wall? Go on, throw your cap over...

Blessings, Nicholas Thomson Principal



OLNA

The College wishes to remind parents that students who did not obtain 'Band 8' across the Year 9 NAPLAN components of Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy, will need to sit an Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) in that specific area. Unlike NAPLAN, the OLNA tests are not optional, as they are now tied in with the requirements for students to obtain a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) at the end of Year 12. Please note the OLNA tests are due to occur on the following dates at the College:
10th of March – Writing
11th of March – Comprehension (Reading)
12th of March – Numeracy
Please contact our Director of Studies, Mr Darren Martin, for more information.

UNIFORMS

Girls skirts/dresses need to touch their knee (not just come above it), their socks are to be white, ankle length with preferably one fold. Hair any longer than shoulder length, needs to be fully tied back.

Boys trousers need to sit on their waist and belts are to be black only. Grey socks are also to be worn, preferably with a fold. Boys shirts are to be tucked in.

Jewellery should only consist of a wristwatch, and round, plain silver or gold studs worn in the lower lobes only. No band-aids are allowed to be worn over other earrings. Male students should not be wearing any earrings.

Shoes should be black laces (no velcro), plain uppers, a closed toe and heel, and a heel (maximum sole depth of 2 cm) capable of being polished. No cloth shoes, no suede, and no contrast stitching or logo.

No brogues, boots, sneakers or skate shoes.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

-TUESDAY 3rd MARCH

The swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday, 3rd March, at Kalamunda Water Park. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer the students on.

CHAPLAIN'S NEWS...

Hello Everyone!

We are having an absolutely fantastic start to the school year, with a recent highlight being the free Welcome Back BBQ! It was awesome to meet so many of you and place beautiful faces to names. I would like to say thank you to everyone who came, and offer out a large invite to anyone who was unable to attend, to say you are still most welcome and invited to future events we have as a community. This year as a part of the Chaplaincy program, and as the College as a whole, we would like to provide more of these events, where we can have opportunities to further get to know each as a community. If you have any ideas for potential events then I would love to hear from you! Please don't hesitate to contact me. My email is mirandaleijser@adventist.org.au. Alternatively, you can call the College on 92935333 and we can chat over the phone or make time to meet up over a lovely hot/cold drink.

Pr Miranda Leijser Chaplain



BUDDY HOMEWORK CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 3:30pm – 4:30pm

What is a buddy homework class?

1. Working with a buddy that you setup, to help you with one or more of your weaker subjects.
2. A group of friends who want to work on an assignment that requires group participation.
3. You have an external tutor that you have organised and you need a place to conduct these sessions.
4. You have organised tutoring from one of your teachers but your session is only half an hour and you can't be picked up until 4:30 and would like to study for the last half an hour.
5. Wanting to study at school and need access to the computers either as an individual or as a group.

What are the rules of the buddy homework class?

1. No disruptions to other people in different booths as there should be no reason to talk to others. (Asking someone a quick question is allowed, but having a conversation with others means you are not there as a buddy, but as a group and this needed to be organised at the beginning the session.)
2. Do not be too loud within your own group. If this is the case, you will not be able to return, as others will need a quiet working environment. However, if you know you are going to be loud and there needs to be robust discussion, we can organise another classroom for this to happen in.
3. Any laptops used during the session will need to be returned and plugged in to ensure that they are charged for the next day. If students fail to plug in their computers, they won't be able to use them during the next session. Students can also use their own laptops or iPads but will need a letter from parents approving this prior to the session.
4. If students are doing the wrong thing then they will not be able to return, and if their behaviour is particularly distracting to other students, then parents will be called to pick them up as we are trying to create an environment of students working towards excellence.

How do you book a booth in a buddy homework class?

These classes will need to be booked with Ms Lever by email. If your group size is over 4, you will need to organise with a teacher to limit disruptions to other students, and will be allocated a booth in room 1 for the session. This may be a one off class, or you may wish to book in for the whole term. As we only have 7 booths in room 1, (and a group of desks in the middle for groups) places are limited and booths will be allocated to the first 7 booked. If there is a need, we may offer another afternoon depending on the demand. Any questions, please feel free to email Ms Lever : fatimalever@adventist.org.au

YEAR 10 CAMBODIA INFORMATION NIGHT -THURSDAY 5th MARCH

All parents and Year 10 students are invited to our Cambodia information night at 6.30pm. Mr Troy Roberts from RAW Impact will be here to present detailed information and answer questions.

2015 PERMISSION FORMS

Parents, all permission forms that were sent out December 2014 need to be returned no later than Friday, 27th February, as this information is vital to your child's well being while in our care. If you need a new form, you should contact front reception and a new one will be issued.

Fee Payment Commitment Form

There are still some parents that have not returned there:

'2015 Fee Payment Commitment Form'

It's important to note that no matter which payment method you choose, you need to return the form to our bursar, Mrs Duncan, as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your form, please contact reception and we will email you another copy. Thankyou.

MULCH FOR SALE

\$30 for a 6x4 trailer load of tree prunings mulch. All proceeds go towards the Year 10 trip to Cambodia. Currently pickup only. Call Shannon on 0413530363



Boarding students leading out in songs for Chapel