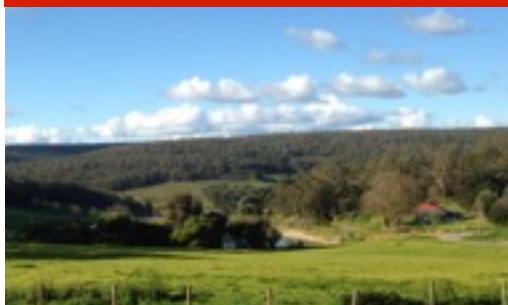




# CARMEL NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2018 academic year!

We are so glad you have chosen CAC as your school of choice. We are confident that we will provide a safe and caring environment that you expect from us.

We are clear to all our students that they are the reason for our existence. We appreciate them, we value them, and we love them. CAC is to be a place of security that upholds values that you also share with us in your homes. It always warms my heart to hear from you that you have chosen CAC because we uphold those values that you have dedicated your lives too.

We have a terrific group of students again this year, and we are so excited to be able to push, encourage, and direct each and everyone of them to give the best they can, and be the best that they can be.

We had some outstanding academic results last year and while we do pride ourselves on that, the thing we pride ourselves on the most, is that we produce some outstanding young people!

I wish to personally encourage all of you to join in with your child's education, be a part of the College, and create the community you ultimately desire for your child.

Blessings.

**Mr Nicholas Thomson**  
*Principal*

## CALENDAR

**Feb 13** - Yr11 Worklink Induction

**Feb 15** - Yr12 Biology Excursion

**March 1** - Yr9 Calling Ceremony (pm)

**March 2 & 23** - Yr9 Half-day hike

**March 9** - Yr9 Full day hike

**March 13-16** - Year 8 Camp

**March 27** - Swimming Carnival

**March 29-April 2** - Easter Camp  
(Convention @ Advent Park)

**April 11** - Formal Dinner

**April 12-13** - Yr9 Overnight hike

**April 13** - Last Day of Term 1

**PLEASE NOTE THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO DATES SINCE THE LAST CALENDAR WAS RELEASED.**

For up to date information go to -  
[carmelcollege.wa.edu.au/calendar](http://carmelcollege.wa.edu.au/calendar)

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### App:

Skoolbag Carmel Adventist College



Carmel Adventist College has adopted a horticulture programme where the students are guided by Mr Fui to grow fruit and vegetables in our garden. Last year we used the produce to make healthy meals for students twice a week. The money raised went towards our mission trips. We would love to be able to provide the same service in 2018 and need volunteers to help once a month.

If you are able to help at all please contact the office with your name and phone number and we will be in contact with you shortly.

Canteen will be every Wednesday, commencing the 21st of February. The cost of the meal provided is \$5. No preorders are necessary.

## SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Do you hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, or Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card? If so, you may be eligible for up to \$350 towards school expenses. Applications close on Friday, April 13. Please contact reception for more information.

## BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

Do you receive Assistance for Isolated Children from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink)? If so, you may be eligible for up to \$1948 towards boarding expenses. Applications close on Friday, November 30. For more information, please call 9296 4516.

## LATE/ABSENT NOTIFICATIONS

If your child is going to be late to school or absent for the day, please ensure that you contact Reception as soon as possible, so that we are able to be aware of the whereabouts of each of our students. This is critical should there be an emergency where we need to know that each student is accounted for and safe and is a legal requirement of the school by the government.

Informing the school can be done by phone, email or the Skoolbag app (SMS) mentioned below.

## SKOOLBAG APP

The Carmel Adventist College Skoolbag app is available via the relevant app stores for Apple, Android and Windows devices.

This app is very useful for sharing information via instant messaging, sending reminders, newsletters, etc. from the school to you, and you are able to send change of details and absentee information back. The app is free to download either from [skoolbag.com.au/forparents](http://skoolbag.com.au/forparents) or by searching "Skoolbag Carmel Adventist College" in the app store.



## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be run by parent volunteers every Wednesday morning between **8:30-9:30am.**

If this time does not suit your needs, please call Reception to book an appointment.

**PH 9293 5333**

## COLLEGE DRIVEWAY

Please remember that during the school pick up and drop off times, the road into the College from First Avenue (primary school end) becomes one-way only.

To ensure the safety of those coming to school on foot, bike, or car, please follow the signs that stipulate times. (8am-9:15am & 3pm-4pm)

## SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

By now all families should have received their fees by mail. After a review of the existing charges for the iPad program (Yr 7 – Yr 10) was undertaken, it was established that the iPad charge for 2018 would remain unchanged, therefore fee statements remained unchanged. Once again, my apologies for the delay that resulted from this review process.

**Fee Payment Commitment Forms** (blue sheet) are due by 09/02/2018. If you need to make an alternate payment arrangement than those indicated on your Payment Option Sheet please ensure that you contact Naomi Thomas by this date to discuss your requirements.

## CAMP CHARGES

(Optional Yr 10 –Yr12 Camps)

You will have noticed that all students in Years 10 – Year 12 have been charged for their applicable year school camp. This provides an opportunity for families to assess if it is within their financial capabilities for their child/ren to attend. However, please be aware that these camps are optional and we understand that it may not be possible for all students to attend. We will happily reverse the charge from your fee statement and provide you with an updated **Fee Payment Option Sheet** (green sheet) if confirmation in writing is provided to the school that your child/ren will not be attending.

**Mrs Naomi Thomas**  
**Bursar**

## COLES SPORTS 4 SCHOOLS

This year Carmel Adventist College are participating in the Coles Sports For Schools program and we would love you help!

All you need to do is shop at Coles and request the Sports For Schools vouchers when you pay. You will receive 1 voucher for every \$10 you spend. When you have your vouchers, please send them to school with your child to deliver to reception where there will be a collection tin.

This program runs from the 7th February until 3rd April. Once all vouchers have been collected they will be sent off for counting. Once our vouchers have been counted, we will be able to purchase new sports equipment to the amount that we collected.

Please share this with your extending family and friends. The more help, the more vouchers we collect, the more new sports equipment we can buy for your children to use.

If you would like to see more information about the Coles Sports For Schools program please go to the following link.

<https://www.coles.com.au/sfs>

**ADAM DI ROSSO**  
**PE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

## GARLIC 4 SALE

We have fresh, organic garlic, grown in our school gardens for sale at Reception. 6 for \$5.

Come in and purchase some!



## UNIFORM

If your child comes to school missing a piece of their uniform, they need to bring a note from home, and then see Mrs Smoker during homeroom. She will give them a uniform pass that they wear for the day. Each child can have 3 passes per term, before additional consequences are given.

If you would like more information about uniform expectations, please check your child's diary in the front section, which is full of useful information, including uniform requirements. We encourage our students to take pride in their appearance and present themselves well, and thank you for assisting them in this.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

If you're a parent who likes to be involved in your school and come up with new and fresh ideas for our students, then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mr Thomson at [nicholasthomson@adventist.org.au](mailto:nicholasthomson@adventist.org.au) or call Reception. Our next meeting on March 14 is our AGM, all welcome.

## BUSHRANGERS

Bushrangers is commencing again for 2018.

The students have lots of fun doing outdoor activities, eating food, adventuring in nature, and making new friends. It runs every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, here at school.

For further information, please contact Mr Fui or Mr Thomson.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are able to volunteer some time in our uniform shop, please contact Di at Reception.

## CHAPEL

At CAC, chapel is held on Monday morning from 9:00-9:52am. It alternates each week from being held in the school's Assembly Hall and then the church (located on campus). If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome to come on along.

## iPAD UPDATE

The College is please to advise that the final hurdles in regard to our 1:1 iPad program for students in Yr 7-10 have been overcome, and it will shortly be possible to lock in a definite delivery date and time, and how that will operate.

For those new to the College, this arrangement involves students have access to the iPads both at school and at home, for use within the school program.

Unlike iPad programs that may have been encountered in other settings, these devices are locked, to be administered by the College, and managed by the teachers during school time, with the option of either blanket after-hours settings, or direct management by parents outside school time.

The concept and practise should offer quite some enhancement to the educational experience of the students both during, and after-school hours.

There will be further information regarding the time/s that will be available to both gain an insight into the best use (as parents) of the devices out of school hours, and to sign the necessary paperwork accepting responsibility for the devices out of school time. The equipment will be insured 24/7 with a relatively small excess for claims for loss or damage. It will also cover internet filtering.

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## iPAD UPDATE cont

Students who leave at any time during the three years of the agreement, must return the device to the College, so that it can be re-assigned to another student.

This is an exciting initiative of Carmel Adventist College. There may be a few teething problems, as students and staff may take a while to fully realise the potential of these devices. It must be stated though, that this device is another tool in the educational process, and is not the answer to every question - even with Siri and Google helping!

The rollout is for Yr 7-10 as previously stated, but Yr 10 students will be able to keep them until they complete Yr 12. Each incoming Yr 7 class in the future, will be issued with new devices and they will keep them for three years until replacement (end of Yr 9) - getting a new device for the remaining three years of high school.

The College will still maintain access to regular desktop computers (and some laptops) in selected locations around the campus, as this is necessary for some programs and applications (apps) to operate.

There has been a charge of fee accounts for computing previously (and continuing for this year at least) that is concerned with both the management costs and replacement of current computer resources. The additional charge that you will see on your fee account, is covering the costs of the iPad program averaged over three years. There will be **no increase** in these charges during the three year period.

The College has made every effort to keep the cost to the parents as small as possible, with the net result being that the new program will cost (per child) the equivalent of a Big Mac burger per week!

Please watch out for further information.

*Ron Hiscox*  
*Information Technology*

## CAC THE PLACE TO BE...



