PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT
The 2013 School Year Commences
Welcome back to the start of the 2013 school year, and particularly to those students and parents who are for the first time becoming part of our College community.

WOW! What a great start to the school year. Phoenix P-12 Community College – our new identity is proudly on display at all levels of both campuses, with the new student uniform, College motto ‘In Knowledge there is Opportunity’, and the College values of ‘Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Cooperation and Excellence’ leading all aspects associated with the high expectation agenda of the College. SENSATIONAL!!!

Year 12 Student and College Captain Emily Lizzul was named Young Citizen of the Year at this year’s Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Ballarat Mayor, John Burt, presented Emily with her award and thanked individuals for their involvement in the community and the contributions they had made towards Ballarat.

Emily worked in Zambia in schools and orphanages and also volunteered her time with her church and the Ballarat Specialist School.

College Presentation Evening 2012
We celebrated our amazing student achievements across 2012 at our annual Presentation Evening on 18th December last year. Congratulations to all students who achieved recognition on this night. Our guest speaker, Ms Nicole Livingstone, was inspirational with her message of ‘Striving to follow your dreams through commitment and the importance of family support in that journey’. She emphasised the need for us all to create our own future and be positive citizens, contributing to the community around us and grasping every opportunity where we can make a difference.

I would also like to acknowledge our 2012 Dux of the College, Danielle Cody, who achieved outstanding scores in all seven areas of study. An incredible achievement and we wish her well at University of Melbourne studying a Bachelor of Arts. Within our 2012 Year 12 group, 42 applied for further study; of these 39 were offered places in the first round offer, above 93% success; all 42 students have since taken up tertiary offers for 2013. Incredible… well done!

This highlights once again the ability of our College staff team to provide highly successful pathway outcomes for our students.
College Student Leadership Teams

Congratulations again to this group. We look forward to working with them on a series of major school and student initiatives across the year.

The 2013 College Student Leadership Team comprises of 13 students; two Captains, two Vice Captains and five Senior Prefects.

The duly elected 2013 Student Leadership group is as follows:

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2013 - College Learning Structure Changes

We are now in the second stage of an exciting journey that will provide even higher levels of support for Student Learning, Engagement and Student Pathways at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

To put this into place; in 2013 we are having secondary staff with the assistance of student leaders offer specialist classes in Drama, Music, LOTE (German) and Art throughout the Redan campus to further broaden experiences of learning.

Exciting times!

In addition, we are continuing the successful shift towards a village structure across both campuses (it takes a village to raise a child), as this is a major part of our 21st century learning model.

Finally, it’s been a great beginning to the year with over 200 new students across the College; 135 of these being at Year 7; 21 at Prep, and new students entering all year levels from Year 1 => 12. All students have spent their first week being introduced to a lot of new learning and it has been fantastic to see the way in which they have involved themselves in the tasks being undertaken.

Congratulations to all student leaders for their support and guidance of these groups.

Pictured above: Nicole Livingstone and Dux for 2012 Danielle Cody at Presentation Evening 2012.
Phoenix P-12 Community College – Leadership Team

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2013 College Leadership Team that will support the College school improvement strategies over the next 4 years; in particular can I formally welcome Ms Angela Quinn (Assistant Principal – Student Learning). Angela is a highly experienced and successful College Leader who has worked across a series of school portfolios, and will undoubtedly be a major addition to our leadership group. See the team below:

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College Student Support and Wellbeing Team

Can all members of the College community please note the table of staff members and their positions of responsibility for 2013 above. This list of Assistant Principals and House Managers should provide ease of contact between home and the College.

Anyone wishing to discuss any issues or concerns with these staff is requested to please phone the school to make a mutually agreeable appointment time.

Phoenix P-12 Community College / Resource Upgrades

A lot has happened in readiness for the 2013 school year as outlined below:

- Final tender assessment for stage one of the new building has been completed and ready for sign off. Builders should be on site by the end of February and demolition of the music area will happen shortly.
- A staged lease has been negotiated with Ballarat Health Services in relation to the new dental facility. This will allow us to continue to use the Middle School area of the school for 2013. Construction of this Dental Health Clinic and training area will take place mid-year.
- We have formulated a partnership with a garden landscaping company. As you can see if you have visited the school, they have completed substantial work on both sites which will be finalised early in February. Over 50 cubic metres of mulch and chip bark has been put down alone. Special thanks to Wendy Ross and Robyn Ware for their work in the front garden of the Redan site over the break. Amazing stuff. Thanks!!!!
- We have also put together a long term partnership with a painter who has already completed painting of all corridors of B and C blocks and associated rooms, along with the Senior School G corridor and I & J blocks. We have negotiated that he will spend a week per term break across the two campuses which should see all internal walls painted annually.
- All classrooms as part of the second stage have had windows measured as well as the BER multipurpose room (oval side) on the Redan Campus, ready for blind installation. This should be completed within 2 to 3 weeks.
- You will also note that new Apple TV monitors are being placed throughout both campuses to continue our ICT upgrade plan. In addition to this projectors will be permanently mounted throughout classrooms to allow for high eLearning flexibility across the College. Special thanks to Brendan O'Brien for his great work in the installation and preparation of this ICT project.
- The College has also initiated a partnership with a building company to oversee medium works such as the Primary campus toilet and breezeway areas. They have provided cost plans and schedules for consideration and we believe we will undertake this work during Term 1 - A major upgrade.
- The BA@Phoenix is well underway and about to commence orientation days for prospective students on Wednesday this week. These will occur in the Conference Room.
- The initial stages of transition of the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre into the Hub is taking place at the moment and adult training has been ongoing throughout January. This community venture will be fully operational within the next week or two.
- Phoenix P-12 College official signage has been developed and should be in place by the end of next week, as well as the new BSCH logo being placed on the outside of the building.
• Student table tops in need of repair will be replaced as soon as possible on both campuses. These tops are due for delivery at the end of February. In addition, chairs will be changed over into classrooms at the same time across the College. Approximately 120 chairs have been ordered to continue our upgrade program.
• The optional 1:1 laptop program will be run out over Term 1 for Years 9 and 10 students. Information forums for parents and students will occur shortly.

Enjoy 2013… as we embark on another incredible year of learning and opportunity.

Principal Team Report
Phoenix P-12 Community College

From the Business Manager

Maintaining family details
With the move to electronic communication, or mobile telephone contact, it is even more important that you keep your family contact details up to date at all times.
Please contact the office if you have any changes in your family address, emergency contact phone numbers, employment or family guardianship changes. We need to have current data to make sure we can contact you if required.
If you have a new or recently changed your email, please make sure you let us know. The monthly Newsletter and family accounts are now emailed out to families, along with other vital information regarding the education of your child (ren).

Family Accounts
We have commenced sending out family statements via email. Families who had outstanding balances would have received their family statement early in January. These statement only reflected outstanding costs relating to 2012.
Thank you to the many families who have since either paid their accounts, or commenced CentrePay or BPAY payments directly into their account. This is a great way to get on top of your outstanding fees. If anyone would like to discuss their account, or have questions around setting up regular instalments, please do not hesitate to contact the College. It would be appreciated if you could please try to pay these accounts as soon as you can.

2013 charges will be added to family accounts and new statements will be sent out within the next few weeks. The fees will include core charges and subject fees for electives. If you do not receive an account or have queries around the educational costs for your family, please contact the College.

SET UP REGULAR PAYMENTS - it makes payment of the costs much easier to manage if you are finding it more difficult to meet your obligations due to the changes to support funding. We are happy to receive regular weekly or fortnightly deposits into your family accounts. CentrePay or BPAY makes it easy; once it is set up the money is deposited directly into your family account and allocated to costs. Any overpayment is held as credit and will be used to pay for excursions or other costs which may arise throughout the year.

Phoenix P-12 Community College Council Election Process and Timetable

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<td>c. The date by which the list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed</td>
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<td>d. The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed</td>
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PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012

What is a College Council and what does it do?
All government Colleges in Victoria have a College Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a College within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a College Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the College provides for its students.

Who is on the College Council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s College as long as they are not employed at the College.
• A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of College Council. The Principal of the College is automatically one of these members.
• An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the Council.
because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual College Council elections.

**Why is Parent membership so important?**
Parents on College Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the College.

Those parents who become active on a College Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**How can you become involved?**
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

**In view of this, you might seriously consider:**
Standing for election as a member of the College Council. Encouraging another person to stand for election.

**Do I need special experience to be on College Council?**
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s College and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the College’s future.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?**
The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All College Council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a College in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the College Council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**
Ask at the College for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.

Consider standing for election to Council this year.

Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the College or Principal for further information.**

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**Army Cadets Open Night and BBQ**

The Australian Army Cadet Corps is a leading national youth development organisation, conducted by the Australian Army, in cooperation with the community. It is designed to benefit the nation by developing the individual, their community and the Australian Army. We aim to instil the values of Courage, Initiative and Teamwork in our cadets to empower them to reach their full potential. We develop youth through their ongoing and regular participation in a continuum of activities and experiences, within a military-style hierarchical structure & environment, and through building our cadet’s skills as they move through adolescence into their transition into adulthood.

At Phoenix P-12 Community College, we are very fortunate to have our very own Army Cadet Unit which parades on a Monday Evening from 5.45pm – 9pm during the school term in the Ballarat South Community Hub. Under the command of Lt (AAC) Margaret Benoit, cadets will this year participate in a wide variety of activities and experiences which will see them reach new heights in 2013. First Aid, Navigation, Radio Communications, Engineering, Drill, Rock Climbing, High Ropes Courses, Field Craft, Leadership & Teamwork will all feature in the training program.

Lt (AAC) Margaret Benoit, the staff and cadets of Sebastopol College Army Cadet Unit extend a warm invitation to all students and their parents to join us for an Open Night & BBQ on Monday 25th February 2013 at 6pm. Please join us to find out more about what Army Cadets can offer you or your child. A brief presentation on Army Cadets will be delivered at 6pm and staff will be available to answer any questions you have. Cadets will also put on interactive displays to show you what we do. A BBQ will then follow with sausages and drinks on sale.

If you cannot attend our Open Night, please contact Lt (AAC) Benoit on the details below to arrange another time to visit.

The first intake for recruits is on Monday 4th March 13 and we aim to have all new cadets start their first training session on this evening from 5.45pm to 9pm. The second intake for cadets is on Monday 3rd June 13.

If you have any questions, please email Lt (AAC) Margaret Benoit on margaret.benoit@cadetnet.gov.au or phone 0417 014 978. Alternatively, you can speak with Mr Nicholas Joosten at Phoenix P-12 Community College who is the School’s Cadet Liaison Officer on joosten.nicholas@edumail.vic.gov.au or 5329 3293.

Lt (AAC) Margaret Benoit
Officer Commanding
SSCACU
Digital Art and Animation through a Virtual Classroom.

An exciting new Digital Media education opportunity has come to Phoenix P-12 Community College in 2013. Lightmare Studios, an Australian independent game and software development company, are working with the Centre for Creative Technology at The Gordon Institute in Geelong to deliver a school-based Digital Media Traineeship specialising in game design to selected schools in Victoria. The project will be using a model developed by Lightmare Studios and the students will be trained online by The Gordon Institute for more than 6 months, in a virtual classroom over the internet to earn a Certificate III in Media, focusing on 2D and 3D Digital Art and animation. The students are also paid to work part time from home after hours, for a minimum of 27 weeks as Lightmare Studio employees.

Alex James Yr11 and Dylan Harrison Yr11 are the first participants in this stimulating program which offers them an amazing learning opportunity. Both boys are very keen and highly motivated to complete the training which is done on a Monday between the hours of 9am – 4:30pm in the LRC.

Ellen Eustice Wins The Photographic Award!

It was an exciting time at the opening of the ‘Next Gen’ art exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ballarat on Friday 1st February. Ellen Eustice, Amanda Colbourne and Matthew Zimmerman from the College were successful in having their artwork chosen to be exhibited in the 2013 exhibition. The ‘Next Gen’ exhibition is a showcase of artworks by students who completed a VCE Arts subject in 2012. Over 300 artworks were submitted from students in the Grampians and Bacchus Marsh regions to the gallery. 74 students were then selected to exhibit their artworks.

At the opening on Friday night Ellen Eustice was presented with the Photographic Award donated by Thornton Richards Camera House, for her images titled ‘Oliver Twist’. The exhibition runs from 2 Feb – 24 March 2013.

Pictured above: Yr 11 students Dylan Harrison and Alex James in their virtual classroom.

Pictured above: Ellen Eustice with her artwork now showing at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Pictured below: Amanda Colbourne with her artwork now showing at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.
The EMA is being restructured to increase the focus on direct support to parents. Prep and Year 7 students will also receive a higher EMA payment.

The changes to the EMA starting in 2013 include:
- EMA payments to parents increased from:
  - $117.50 to $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
  - $117.50 to $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
  - $235 to $300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
  - $235 to $250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.
- School-based EMA payments will be discontinued ($117.50 per primary school student; $235.00 per secondary school student).
- Changes to the EMA will be effective from the start of the 2013 school year.
- The EMA is paid in two installments annually (70% in March and 30% in August). The August 2012 payments will not be affected by the changes.
- These changes apply to government and non-government schools.

Eligibility criteria
To be eligible for the EMA:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on 28 February 2013 for the first installment and 2 August 2013 for the second installment; and
3. You must on 29 January 2013 for the first installment and 15 July 2013, for the second installment:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a temporary foster parent.
   - Submit your application to the school by the due date:
     - 28 February 2013 for the first installment*
     - 2 August 2013 for the second installment*
   - Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

Parents/Guardians and Student interviews may be scheduled throughout the year by calling Direct Line 5329 3263.

Upcoming Events

Year 11 Senior School Head Start Information Session
Wednesday 20th February 2013
7.00pm – 8.30pm
Careers Centre in the L.R.C.
Parents & Students are encouraged to attend

Year 10 Work Placement Information Session
Wednesday 27th February 2013
7.00pm – 8.30pm
Careers Centre in the L.R.C.
Parents & Students are encouraged to attend
SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS
YR 7 - 12
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THIS FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY
EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO BE
AT THIS YEAR’S SWIMMING
CARNIVAL IF NOT TO SWIM TO
SUPPORT YOUR HOUSE!!!!
There will be buses taking students
to the Eureka Pool and back to
the College.
Students will need sunscreen,
water bottles, bathers and a towel.
There will be a BBQ for students
to raise money for ‘Relay for Life’.
Sausages 50c
Hamburgers $1.00
Come dressed in your house
colours!!!!!
No coloured hairspray or
crepe paper!!!!!
CALENDAR
Secondary Campus

FEBRUARY
13th Community Challenge Yr 9 Gong Walk
14th Proposed Strike Action Information to be sent home
15th COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL (YR7-12) SEBASTPOL CAMPUS Eureka Pool - Compulsory for all students
18th Finance Committee 5.30pm
20th Yr 11 Senior School Head Start Info Session 7.00 - 8.30pm LRC
21st Community Challenge Yr 9 Gong Walk
22nd STUDENT FREE DAY
25th College Council Meeting 6.00pm Intermediate/Senior Cricket & Volleyball
27th Year 10 Parent/Student Work Placement Session 7.00 - 8.30pm LRC

MARCH
1st Intermediate/Senior Tennis
4th STUDENT FREE DAY
5th YEAR 7 2014 INFORMATION EVENING 7.00pm Interschool Eureka Swim Carnival
8th College Photos
11th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
14th College Band to Stawell (8-12) Camp
15th College Band to Stawell (8-12) Camp German Exchange Students Depart
18th Students to book Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (ALL WEEK)
20th Senior School Social
22nd COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (YR7-12) SEBASTPOL CAMPUS Llanberris Reserve Ballarat Compulsory for all students
25th AGM College Council Meeting 6.00pm
27th Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 4.00pm–7.00pm
28th Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 9.00am - 2.30pm
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Primary Campus

FEBRUARY
18th STUDENT FREE DAY Primary Campus Only
22nd STUDENT FREE DAY

MARCH
4th STUDENT FREE DAY
6th Prep Students Commence Wednesdays
11th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
14th Athletics Carnival (P-6) Llanberris Reserve

Primary Campus students are to wear broad brimmed hats when outside in Term 1

Redan Campus
Meet and Greet Back to School BBQ
Come along to meet new families and greet your child’s teachers.
We will be providing you with a FREE BBQ and Soft Drinks. Wednesday 27th February Gate open at 5:00pm BBQ served from 5:45pm. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

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Student Absence
It’s not okay to be away!
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