Acting Principal’s Report
Year 12 – 2015

It is only fitting and correct that I begin this Newsletter by acknowledging our Year 12 students. I would like to congratulate the Year 12’s and wish them the very best of luck. To those who began their VCE examinations last Wednesday, with the English exam beginning this three week period of external examinations. VCAL and VET students continue to finalise project work and develop pathway opportunities by updating various employment documentation and skill sets.

This year as we prepare to say our final farewells to our Year 12 students, I feel the need to recognise the integrity of our Year 12 group. I have no doubt that every individual has finished the year to the absolute best of their ability. Additionally there have been some truly magic moments over the last couple of weeks.

The 2015 College Year 12 Valedictory Dinner was held on Wednesday, 21st October at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club and there were over 350 family and friends of the College in attendance. This event focused on the achievement of our Year 12’s over their six years of secondary education. The pride of our community was clear for all to see.

In accordance with Phoenix P-12 Community College tradition, the College’s official framed and signed 2015 Year 12 jumper will be hung in the Library Resource Centre from the start of 2016. This jumper commemorates the ‘Class of 2015’ now and for all students of the future.

PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2015

This framed jumper, along with the official ‘Year 12 pavers’ at the front of the school, symbolise a growing celebration of achievement and recognition; as we evolve further the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College.
Year 12 Highlights during 2015

♦ Angela O’Neill - Awarded the Golden Plains Young Australian of the Year.
♦ Our results from last year in VCE and VCAL meant 100% of those who wanted a Tertiary place gained one. More than 80% of students got first round offers.
   First Choice 44
   Second Choice 08
   Third Choice 02
   Fourth Choice 02
♦ Phoenix College Band - Early in March our Year 12 Senior Band members attended a one and a half day workshop with Nhill and Stawell Secondary Colleges in Stawell.
♦ Year 12 English students attended the ‘Courage for Care’ workshop at MADE Museum. The program centres around the historical context of the Holocaust and focuses on many themes that will be purposeful for their studies in English this year.
♦ The Senior School Social for the year was organised by the Year 12’s.
♦ ANZAC DAY: Senior Leaders attended and laid wreaths to represent the College at several venues.
♦ Ballarat Avenue of Honour Poppy Project
   VCAL students were involved in placing 3,000 Poppies along the Ballarat Avenue of Honour. A single poppy was tied to the plaque in front of each tree along the 14 kilometres.
♦ Amber Barker-Lovett was recognised by the presenters of AIME for her ongoing support of the Program.
♦ Year 12 students hosted the United Way Ballarat Administrative Professionals Breakfast (formerly Secretaries Breakfast). The event recognises and says ‘thank you’ to the people who are the backbone of local organisations, often working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure things run smoothly and with little recognition. This year was Phoenix P-12 Community College’s fourth year at being a part of the host and presentation team. Congratulations to all students involved.
♦ During the July School Holidays, 120 youths from across Victoria came together as part of the YMCA “Youth Parliament” Program. Of those 120 Victorian youths, there were six Phoenix P-12 Community College students: Year 12 students Alesha Kelly, Kimberley Cody, Casey Shevlin and Danae Newman were part of the team. The Phoenix Team worked hard for two months creating their Bill and preparing for debate at State Parliament in Melbourne. Their Bill “The Criminalisation of Jumps Racing” successfully passed the Legislative Assembly.
♦ Austen Prendergast was awarded the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin award in Melbourne at the Sports and Aquatic Centre.
♦ VCE and VCAL students attended our first Elevate Education Study sessions in Term 3.
♦ Senior Football Rookie of the Year – Thomas Trezise. Thomas played half a game with the team last year before getting injured. Tom played in a range of different positions for the College this season, demonstrating outstanding versatility. He was also one of our most consistent performers.
♦ Coaches Award – Joshua Wells. Josh was our Captain this season and was also one of our most consistent performers polling in six out of our seven games.
♦ Most Year 12 students participated in EXAM Revision and practice in the School Holidays. On behalf of the College community, we congratulate all students on a sensational year of achievements. You have accomplished so much during this twelve-month period and we wish you well with the final examinations and your final year reports. We will wait with baited breath to hear what the future brings you all, knowing that you have all laid the foundations for a wonderful future........ Well done!

**A number of students who commenced Year 12 in 2015 were successful in gaining full time employment throughout the year and said good-bye to Phoenix P-12 Community College. We would also like to congratulate them on their successful transition into the workforce.

2016 COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAMS

The 2016 College Leadership teams’ selection process is almost complete on the Sebastopol Campus and will take place on the Redan Campus during the remainder of November. As mentioned in the October College Newsletter, the quality and high number of applicants involved in the extensive selection process has been nothing short of sensational. The focus on student voice and high aspirations will underpin all aspects of
governance across the two campuses of the College, and I have much pleasure in welcoming the successful students to these representative groups in 2016.

On the Redan Campus, six School leaders will formulate the campus team: two School Captains and four Vice Captains. As in all things we do, a high level selection process is underway beginning with an address to Years 4, 5 and 6 students following assembly in Week 5.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Acting Principal

Annual College Presentation Evening
Tuesday, 1st December 2015

This year’s Presentation Evening will again be a “night to remember” and will include the special guest appearance of Mike Rolls an inspirational survivor of one of the deadliest diseases on the planet - Meningococcal Septicaemia. Mike delivers an inspiring presentation that reinforces our College focus on working with persistence, irrespective of your circumstances, to ensure that we all can achieve our best and live up to the million dollar mantra that personifies all aspects of Phoenix endeavour.

At the age of 18 Mike contracted Meningococcal Septicaemia while on a football trip. His injuries were extensive; he suffered multiple amputations, severe internal injuries as well as the mental trauma of the three year ordeal. He had to rebuild every aspect of his life from scratch.

Mike has an incredible amount of natural resilience and an ability to maintain positivity and productivity by focusing on the things he can do and doing them extremely well. Mike believes we must never give up.

Mike’s early recovery was boosted by his determination to return to golf, a sport he has always been passionate about. He is playing a better level of golf now, as a double leg amputee, than he was prior to his illness. He recently represented Australia in the World Disabled Golf Championships where he claimed bronze. Mike also enjoys coaching kids with disabilities.

Mike knows what is required to get the best out of yourself in any situation. He has a practical approach to tackling anything life can dish up, large or small. With mental health issues soaring, Mike believes now more than ever in the importance in strengthening our resilience. Mike is passionate about adding value to people’s lives through the power of his story and the lessons he has learned.

We are looking forward to spending this wonderful night of celebration with Mike, our students and families on Tuesday, 1st December where we celebrate the sensational achievements of the College during 2015.

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

- I would like to thank all Senior School students for their hard work and dedication. We especially wish all the Year 12 students a happy and prosperous future. When results are delivered to students we would like to remind them that Senior School staff and Cheryl Kennedy will be available to help them change Course Selections and develop Pathway Options.

- The Years 10 and 11 students will soon begin exams in what is an important part of their learning. Exams help deliver outcomes, prepare them for Year 12 and allow students to develop the skills needed to successfully complete school at higher levels.

- The Year 11 cohort will begin exams on November 16. They have an Orientation Program until November 26 and then finish for the year.

- Year 10 will complete exams starting November 23 and will have their last day on December 4. Please be aware that timetables will also be negotiated over this period and students need to access as much advice as possible.

Pictured below: Year 12 students enjoying final celebrations for 2015 before exams.

Mr Andrew Greed
SENIOR SCHOOL-Assistant Principal
MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

YEAR 9 GRADUATION

Our current Year 9 students are nearing the end of their final year as Middle School students and will be heading towards becoming part of the Senior School as they commence Year 10 next year. Finishing your final year in Middle School is a big achievement and one which we like to celebrate at Phoenix P-12 Community College. Each year we hold a Year 9 Graduation Dinner to celebrate this milestone. Letters have been sent home with students with details regarding this year’s Year 9 Graduation Dinner. The dinner will be on Wednesday, 25th November from 6.00pm-9.30pm. The cost for students is $30 and includes a two course meal, dancing and presentations. Dress code is formal and we would like to encourage all students to attend. Students will need to have their form signed by Mrs Joosten (Acting Head of Middle School) to demonstrate that they have upheld our school values to be able to attend. Parents are invited to attend the evening from 9.00pm for the presentations.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

I spoke to all Middle School students recently about our continued high expectations as we head towards the end of the year. The next few weeks are crucial for students to be ensuring that they are up to date with all school work. This is the time of year when assessment results are collated and decisions are made on whether a student has achieved a satisfactory completion for each of their subjects. I would like to remind students that you need to be talking to your teachers now to see what work you might have outstanding. Letters are being sent home regarding overdue work or to students who are at risk of failing. Could I also please encourage parents to phone teachers if you do receive one of these letters so that we can work together to help ensure your child’s success.

SWPBS – INTEGRITY

This month the focus for our School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategy is INTEGRITY. In the Middle School Integrity is where students are treating each other fairly. It also included allowing others to have a go and giving assistance to others in need. It is about working in a team and matching your actions to your words. Students are encouraged to think about ways they might be able to demonstrate integrity around the school and at home.

Mrs. Deanne Joosten
MIDDLE SCHOOL - Acting Assistant Principal

Year 11 student, Sanjay Sebastian, represented Phoenix P-12 Community College recently at the Lions Youth of the Year Awards. Sanjay was amongst a field of excellent participants from Ballarat High School and Ballarat Christian College. Sanjay’s speech on Genetically Modified Foods was the speech of the night with him taking on the title of ‘Lions Youth of the Year’ for 2015. Sanjay’s family and staff from Phoenix P-12 Community College were lucky enough to witness this fantastic occasion. Congratulations Sanjay!!

Mr Andrew Greed
Senior School Assistant Principal

Pictured right: Sanjay Sebastian with Sebastopol Lions Club Vice President, Mr Robert Thompson.

Ms Coloe and Ms Kennedy accompanied seven of our AIME members to the Richmond Football Club for the end of year celebration with the Ballarat and Gippsland region. Each of the students demonstrated the College values beautifully and we are extremely proud of them. AIME is a wonderful Mentoring Program for our Indigenous students.

Pictured above: Ms Cheryl Kennedy, Shaqiera Cartledge, Thillyaana Jones, Makayla Rumlner, Mary Greed, Macayla Vanoostern, Amber Barker-Lovett and Kiara Graham.

Ms Anna Coloe - Wellbeing Coordinator
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.....

OVERDUE

All Educational costs for 2015 are now overdue and should be paid as soon as possible please.

Thank you to those families who have paid everything - if you have not, please make payment on your Family Account as soon as possible.

REMEMBER ---- The COLLEGE MAGAZINE is well underway and will be distributed in December. Payment of your Family Account must be made by the end of November please.

Time to think about strategies to help with 2016 costs - Start Budgeting NOW!!!!

Payment Planning Options:

- Make fortnightly payments in cash, cheque or credit card to the College General Office.
- Set up a fortnightly/monthly direct payment plan to your Family Account at Phoenix P-12 Community College using BPAY - details are on your statement or available from the College General Office.
- Centrepay option is also available at Phoenix P-12 Community College. Please contact Centrelink or collect a form from the College General Office.

Any credit on your Family Account at the end of the year will be carried forward and credited to Educational Costs for 2016. The 2016 Fee schedule is below.

Core Charges for 2016
Primary Campus
Years P - 2: $240.00
Years 3 - 6: $260.00

Educational costs include Subject Fee, Amenities Fee, ICT Network and other Core Curriculum costs and include the cost of Swimming and all Curriculum based excursions (non-refundable) for the Primary Campus.

Camps are not included and will be an additional cost which are charged to the Family Account at the time of the activity.

Secondary Campus
Year 07: $375.00 Year 08: $350.00 Year 09: $275.00
Year 10: $275.00 Year 11: $260.00 Year 12: $260.00

Educational costs include Amenities Fee, Other Core Curriculum costs and include Lockers, ID Cards, various Curriculum activities, ICT Network, Printing, College Magazine and the Student Diary/Handbook according to Year level requirements.

Additional costs:

Senior Elective Fees (Years 8 - 12) are incurred when students choose their subjects and are charged to Family Accounts accordingly. Additional fees are incurred for Musical Instrument Hire, Specialist Sports and Years 8-12 (Including VCE) electives and other extra-curricular activities as selected. Elective charges will be processed at the beginning of the year for both Semesters.

Camps and some excursions are NOT included in the above charges and are charged nearer the time of the activity. Family receipt envelopes will be attached to all camp and excursion notices to be used for payment and MUST be returned to the College General Office or dropped in the “slot” for processing. Payment for excursions MUST be paid one week prior to the activity. Receipts will be issued if requested. Curriculum Excursion payments are non-refundable (except for special circumstances) as participation is a required part of the subject program.

BOOKLISTS 2016
Ballarat Books will be supplying the Back to School Booklists for students in Years 7 - 12, and RADMAC - Office Choice will be supplying the Booklists for the Junior Campus. Please be aware that full payment to Ballarat Books (Senior Campus - January 21st) and RADMAC (Junior Campus) will be required when you pick up your booklist package - so plan ahead.

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager
Phoenix P-12 Community College was an explosion of colour in October as family and friends from the community attended the 2015 Annual Primary Campus Art Exhibition. Art teacher, Julie-Anne Firms said “The students have worked hard throughout the year designing and creating their art work and the Art Exhibition is all about celebrating and showcasing their individual talents. Prep to Year 6 students were introduced to the ‘Elements of Art’ which include line, shape, colour, space and texture. The students had been very excited in the lead up to the exhibition and eagerly invited their families to see the artworks they had produced throughout the year. The Art Exhibition was a great success with approximately 350 people attending.”
One of our Year 10 students, Brandon Bourquin, won a scholarship through the Rotary Club of Ballarat South to attend the ‘Defying the Drift’ leadership program at Marcus Oldham College in Waurn Ponds over the recent Term 3 holiday period. Brandon was selected along with twenty other students from across the State of Victoria, some as far away as Portland and Mansfield.

‘Defying the Drift’ is a program available to Victorian secondary students considering a career in agriculture and related industries. It is an initiative of Rotary District 9780 which includes around sixty Rotary Clubs located throughout Western Victoria and into South Australia.

‘Defying the Drift’ starts with a challenging residential weekend at leading tertiary agricultural institute, Marcus Oldham College, where participants learn new skills, discover many rural futures, meet some great young agriculture role models and have a great time.

Upon completion, all participants must bring their learnings together and make a presentation to their local Rotary Club. Presentations are expected to cover what participants have learnt through the ‘Defying the Drift’ program and their personal reflections on possible rural futures. Brandon completed his presentation on 22nd October to the Rotary Club of Ballarat South.

Brandon is to be commended for his efforts in obtaining this scholarship and he has represented the Phoenix College community with pride. ‘Defying the Drift’ is an annual program and is run in the second week of the Term 3 holidays. Students interested should see Mrs Kricak for more details. Well done Brandon!
The fourth annual Cabaret was held at the beautiful Ballarat Golf Club. The evening commenced with the school’s new String Ensemble under the directorship of Mr Reuben Morgan. It was wonderful to hear the dulcet tones of this Ensemble. The highlight was “Game of Thrones.”

While the Ensemble were playing the guests arrived and were in for a treat, with a selection of three succulent meats, steamed vegetables and condiments. Dessert was a treat with slow baked moist date pudding or the velvety white, milk chocolate mousse.

But that was not the reason why such large numbers turned up for the show. Of course it was our awesome students and staff performing a variety of musical genres.

Michael Georgiou played a reggae version of “Let It Be” with a sensational improvisational solo. The band played numerous items such as “Best Day of My Life”, “Roar”, “Paint It Black”, “Bring Him Home” (featuring a trumpet solo from Samantha Harbridge); a jazzy number “They Just Keep Movin’ the Line”, beautifully sung by Felicity Liston, “Rather Be” (Rachael Keen) and “Ain’t No Other Man” (Natalie Kirley). Mr Woods’ trio of Ashleigh Sorrell and Holly Armstrong and himself performed “Let It Go” and “Happy”. Vocal Magic were indeed magic, performing “Just the Way You Are” and “Count on Me”.

The staff acts were terrific with amazing performances from the inspiring Mr Josh Dwyer, Ms Lana Ford, Ms Angela Quinn, Mrs Tahanyth Webster-Otto, Mrs Deanne Joosten and Mrs Andrea Waterhouse.

My favourites for the evening (apart from all of the above) were the irresistible Mr Brodie Glen and student Skye Elsey. They were AWESOME! Their version of “Are You Gonna Be My Girl”, well you had to be there.

To top off a ripper evening was the wonderful Samantha Harbridge’s version of “Little Talks”.

Thank you very, very, much to all the students and staff involved in the Cabaret. Special mention to the hip I.T. staff of Brendan O’Brien, Brendon “Kiwi” Leehane and Graeme Parr.

Mr John Netherway

Director of Music
The Year 7 College Cook Off final kicked off recently with some amazing dishes prepared by our Year 7 classes. The selection of dishes included: Pumpkin Soup, Fried Rice, Pizsanga (Yes, that’s right! A Pizza and Lasagna Combo!), Spaghetti Bolognese, Custard Tart with Banana, Apple Cinnamon Teacake, Banana and Apple Pastries and Banana Bread Muffins!! Not a bad effort for an hour module!

The judges Mr Nic Johnston, Aleasha Kelly, Tamar Allison and Amy Whiting were unanimous in their decision to award 7C1 First Prize for their Banana Bread Muffins. Second place went to 7C2 for their Spaghetti Bolognese and third place went to 7P1/2 girls for their Custard Tart.

The winning team of Lilian, Allana, Natasha and Alyssa will receive a free lunch at Pipers By The Lake in the near future.

The Year 7’s really have a lot of fun participating in this annual event.

Great job to everyone involved.
Six students from Phoenix P-12 Community College ventured down to Melbourne to compete in the Track and Field State Finals. It was a long day for some of our students who had to wait around in humid conditions till 6:45pm for their only event. Congratulations to all students who took on the challenge to compete at such a high level.

**Mason Keast** - 100m 2nd, 200m 3rd, Long Jump 4th, 4 x 100m Relay 2nd.

**Rodney Davis** - 400m 5th, 4 x 100m Relay 2nd.

**Amber Dennis** - 400m 4th

**Dylan Rewell** - Discus 5th

**Matthieu Brehaut** - 4 x 100m Relay 2nd

**Tanner Norman** - 4 x 100m Relay 2nd

Thank you to Mr Luke for driving the bus and for parents and family for coming to support students on the day!

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Seven brave Year 7 girls ventured to Daylesford to compete in the Junior Girls Volleyball for School Sport Victoria. These students had never played volleyball before in a competitive setting and did extremely well learning the skills and applying them on the day. The girls brought a positive attitude and willingness to learn to the court and improved out of sight by the end of the day.

Although we came up against some very experienced competition, the day was enjoyed by all and the girls demonstrated great sportsmanship when playing and then in learning to officiate the game as line umpires.

A huge congratulations for demonstrating our College values out in the community!

**Ms Kiya Eberle**

Coach
The Sustainable School Shop offers online trading and is an efficient, low-cost way for families to buy and sell/even swap their school text books, uniforms, and school supplies. (Although you cannot sell old Sebastopol uniform you may have new uniform or be looking to buy.) Over the past two years we have had over 2,000 goods listed on the website and almost as many trades.

The College would like to encourage families to use this system and are again offering free membership for all families to the Sustainable School Shop for the next twelve months. This means you can try the website and see how easy it is to use for no cost.

This site is used by schools from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. You never know someone might just need those old books you have floating about.

Mrs Bedford, our Parent Liaison Officer, is available to give advice and assist if you are not confident in computer use or just need some help.

We no longer run a Secondhand Bookshop and we are hoping that families take advantage of this terrific online system and buy and sell unwanted books or items of uniform.

NEW ALTERNATIVE COLLEGE SCHOOL BAG

Available at our Uniform Suppliers, Crockers and Lowes stores ready for 2016 - a new College Traditional School Bag.

This bag does not replace our backpack but is available as an option to Secondary Campus students only. Price is approx. $68.00
Our Music Classroom teacher Ms. Lana Ford was invited to join a select group of Australian Music teachers to visit England Musical Futures Champion schools and to attend the London Music Learning Revolution Conference. Here is a little bit about what she did while she was there.

I was very excited to have the opportunity to network and share ideas with other Music teachers from across the world and to visit London for the first time. At the schools we observed classroom music activities in the Primary and Middle Years/GCSE classroom and then participated in discussions and teaching.

A range of schools that we visited included: Fred Longworth High School in Manchester, Harrogate Grammar in Harrogate, Benton Park School, Monks Walk School and Morpeth School. It was great to have the opportunity to engage in some sight-seeing before returning to work in time for the Cabaret Night and Music Count Us In event.

Lana is now working on a project in collaboration with England Musical Futures teachers to enable our students to communicate and perform for each other in the future.

‘MUSIC: COUNT US IN’ 2015

Music: Count Us In (MCUI), the much loved and highly anticipated event within the National school calendar, is now in its ninth year with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. The aim of this annual event is to highlight the important role that music plays in educational development.

In October the Redan Campus Choir and Vocal Magic Class performed the song “Gold” with the rest of the nation in a concert, via a live feed. The concert featured soloists Felicity Liston, John Smith, Sharni Shields and Lachlan Eades and was performed to Year 7 and lower Primary classes. In addition, a definite highlight was when the audience stood up behind the microphones with the choirs to sing a few songs. I was very proud of everyone who performed and look forward to taking a vocal group to the ‘Music: Count Us In’ event at Parliament House in 2016. Well done to everyone involved.

Ms. Lana Ford - Music
IMPORTANT DATES 2015

NOVEMBER
♦ 13th - Ballarat Show Day
  Public Holiday
♦ 16th - 19th Year 11 Exams
♦ 19th - STUDENT FREE DAY Both Campuses
♦ 20th - 26th Year 11 into 12 Orientation
♦ 20th - REPORT WRITING DAY
  Student Free Day - Redan Campus only
♦ 23rd - 26th Year 10 Exams
♦ 25th - Year 9 Graduation
  Ballarat Golf Club 6pm
♦ 27th - REPORT WRITING DAY
  Student Free Day - Sebastopol Campus Only

DECEMBER
♦ 1st - College Presentation Evening
  Founders Hall Federation University
  7.30pm
♦ 7th - 11th Middle School Camp
♦ 8th - Orientation Day - 2016 Preps and Year 7 Students.
♦ 9th - Year 6 Graduation
♦ 14th - Redan Campus Community Celebrations
♦ 14th - Reports published on COMPASS
♦ 14th - 17th Activity Week for Years 7, 8 & 9 students
♦ 18th - End of Term

EARN AND LEARN THANK YOU
The students and staff at Phoenix P-12 Community College would like to sincerely thank families, members of extended families and members of the general community who supported the College during the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

We raised over 23,000 stickers which earned valuable resources for the College, including Basketballs, Footballs, Tennis Balls, Netballs, Soccer Balls, Whiteboard Markers, and a variety of other learning kits to be used across both campuses.
That’s a great effort! Thank you to staff Rebecca Meadows and Jessica Symons who were the busy Coordinators for 2015.

REDAN CAMPUS - FOUNDATION TRANSITION DATES 2015

Tuesday, December 8th 9.00am—1.00pm
Dress in Purple - Come dressed in the color purple for the morning. Everyone who attends will receive a special show bag to help get ready for school over the holidays.

***There will be a Morning Tea and Information Session for Parents/Caregivers of students. 9.00am - 10.00am

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Schoolkids Bonus

Helping families with the costs of education

The Australian Government is introducing an easy cash payment to help families with the costs of education.

Starting from 1 January 2013, the Schoolkids Bonus will help eligible Australian families with kids at school and students pay for expenses such as:

- uniforms
- books
- school excursions
- school fees
- stationery
- music lessons
- sports registration fees.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return.

This brochure explains who is eligible, how much you will receive, and how you get it.

Am I eligible?

You will receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a student in primary or secondary school, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit A
- Youth Allowance (student)
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment*
- Parenting Payment*
- Special Benefit*
- Education allowances under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act
- Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus.

How much will I receive?

From January 2013, you will be paid the Schoolkids Bonus in January and July.

Each year, eligible families will receive:

- **$410** for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205) and
- **$820** for each child in high school (paid in two instalments of $410).

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A, you will also receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.

Each year, eligible individuals will receive:

- **$410** if they are in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205) or
- **$820** if they are in high school (paid in two instalments of $410).

How do I get it?

It’s easy – you don’t have to fill out any forms, keep receipts, or claim the Schoolkids Bonus in your tax return.

You just need to let Centrelink know when you or your child starts primary school to start receiving the payment and when you or your child changes from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school payment.

You’ll also need to let Centrelink know when you or your child is finishing secondary school to receive the final secondary school payment.

When will I get it?

The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid into the bank accounts of eligible families with kids in school and eligible students every January and July.

If you claim Family Tax Benefit as a lump sum at the end of the financial year, you will receive the Schoolkids Bonus automatically then.

More information

Website
humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Phone
132 468*

* Call charges may vary depending on the telephone service provider. Calls from public telephones and mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate.