Principal Report

College DUX of VCE and VCAL Class for 2015.

I could not be prouder of the results that the graduating class of 2015 have achieved. Once again it is an absolute pleasure to watch the way in which our Year 12 students embrace the next phase of their lives, irrespective of whether they have completed a VCE or VCAL learning program. Congratulations must be extended to Danae Newman who was the VCE Dux for 2015. Danae has approached her two year VCE program with determination and passion and achieved outstanding results in each of her studies. We wish Danae well as she commences her studies in a Bachelor of Psychology with Honours at Deakin University. Congratulations also go to Caitlin Relouw who was awarded the VCAL Dux for 2015. Caitlin was acknowledged for her determination and focus on achieving the highest possible results in each of her study areas. It is our absolute pleasure to welcome Caitlin back to the Phoenix family as our AFL Trainee for 2016.

Each year I am impressed by the way in which our Year 12 students set their sights on their goals and go about planning their transition to the world of University, further training or employment. Among our 2015 Year 12 group 59 students applied for University placements. Of these 56 were offered first round places, two had already secured employment in their chosen fields and one received a direct University placement. The figures are undisputable, above 97% success. These fantastic results would not have been achievable without the wonderful partnership between our students and staff; the dedication of our teachers is a key element in the success of our students. The list below is just a snap shot of the pathways our students have chosen:

- Tayla Niblett
  Bachelor of Accounting, RMIT University
- Austen Prendergast
  Bachelor of Science, Monash University
- Talahna Cook
  Bachelor of Criminology, Deakin University
- Caleb Daly
  Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Deakin University
- April Gray
  Bachelor of Nursing, Australian Catholic University

2016 – A Year of Consolidation at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

I would like to welcome all students and families to the 2016 school year, especially those of you joining the Phoenix community for the first time.

I am proud of the way in which our students and staff have begun the year. It is clear that all have a definite spring in their step and a real focus on pursuing EXCELLENCE. This year for the first time ever our whole Year 12 cohort began with a day camp. The focus for the day was “accept the challenge and achieve your best – get the most out of your Year 12”. All Year 7 students have had a school based Induction Day whereby students worked in teams and focused on what it takes to achieve excellence. All students gained an appreciation for what it means to join the Phoenix community; the family BBQ was a fitting way to conclude the day.

I would like to extend my personal welcome to the 41
new Prep students, 175 Year 7’s and numerous students across all year levels and grades. This is an exciting time for you and we urge you to enjoy all that Phoenix P-12 Community College has to offer.

The College values ‘Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Cooperation and Excellence’ have been at the forefront of our teaching in these first weeks of school. These values are essential to the College culture and underpin the way in which teachers, students and families interact as well as defining the way in which we actively pursue high level learning outcomes for all students.

**Phoenix P-12 Community College Learning Village Structure in 2016.**

As I mentioned earlier 2016 is a year of consolidation at Phoenix P-12 Community College. All students are aligned to one of our five Learning Villages. The Learning Village plays a pivotal role in the development of our students. Each Learning Village has an expert team of staff dedicated to ensuring that every student is supported to achieve their personal best and is encouraged to take advantage of everything that Phoenix has to offer. We welcome the Year 6 students to the Sebastopol Campus; they have made an outstanding start to the year. This year for the very first time all students from Prep to Year 12 will participate in the College Pastoral Care Program. The Pastoral Care Program is based upon the key theories underpinning the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program SWPBS. This important program at the College acknowledges positive behaviours among our students and informs the explicit teaching of our College values.

I would like to introduce the College’s Executive Leadership team, each of whom has a priority portfolio in addition to leadership of a Learning Village:

- Mr Michael Benoit (Assistant Principal) Head of Junior School/Student Learning
- Ms Angela Quinn (Assistant Principal) Head of Picton/Student Learning
- Mr Stephen Fields (Assistant Principal) Head of Bonshaw/Student Inclusion
- Mr Andrew Greed (Assistant Principal) Head of Senior School/Head of Albion
- Mr Wayne Johnston (Acting Assistant Principal) Head of Middle School/Head of Cornish.

**Phoenix P-12 Community College Facility Upgrades:**

The holiday period has been incredibly busy as we prepare for the return of our students, but also make some necessary amendments to facilitate the commencement of Stage 3 Building Works.

Stage 3 Building Works will see the development of our Years 5-6 Learning Village, a 250 seat Auditorium and two linked Gymnasiums and a state-of-the-art Technology Centre. In addition to this, work is planned to include a new Bus Zone which will relieve traffic congestion on Tuppen Drive. Over the holidays the IT Centre was completely moved into the existing K-Wing; this move will ensure the stability and ongoing high level operations of all of our computer and associated programs.

→ Progress on the Phoenix Kindergarten has continued at a cracking pace. Whilst this may not be evident from the streetscape, production has continued in the ARKIT factory. Very soon the Kindergarten will arrive on 12 trucks. This is bound to be an exciting day for us all.

→ On the Redan Campus significant work has been undertaken to strategically locate our grade levels to effective pods. In addition to this the Library has been relocated to the Bell room; the learning environment here is incredibly exciting. Finally, but importantly there has been a major overhaul of the Redan Campus office. This upgrade will lift our ability to provide the best possible standard of care to our parents and students.

→ Extensive works have also been undertaken on the Sebastopol Campus. In particular D30/D40 have been redeveloped to create a purpose built space for the teaching associated with our F1 in Schools Program. Additionally renovations have been completed in H-Wing which will provide our rowers and senior PE classes with an indoor training space.

→ A great deal of painting has occurred across the College. We see this regular cycle of maintenance as imperative to ensuring that our students have access to high quality classrooms.

→ The BA@Phoenix continues to go from strength to strength. This year’s student intake is the largest since the program began.

**New College Staff for 2015**

We extend a Phoenix welcome to the following new members of staff:

**College Leadership:** Stephen Fields - Assistant Principal

**Redan Campus teaching staff:** Samantha Hay, Lauren Noether, Bradley Lane, Andrew Ryan and Daniel McDonald.

**Sebastopol Campus teaching staff:** Amy Devereaux, Jason Bingham and Andrew Sawitsch.

**AFL Trainee:** Caitlin Relouw

**Student Wellbeing:** Nic Johnston

**Redan Campus Office support:** Chloe Graham

**Instrumental Music:** Ian Govan and Mark Shiel

In addition we welcome Kirstie Thomson back from Family Leave.

Wow!! This is a rich and diverse team. I certainly look forward to working with all of these staff throughout 2016.
College Leadership Teams
Student Leadership is a key aspect of life at Phoenix P-12 Community College. This year we again have an impressive group of students from across the College.

College Captains - Sanjay Sebastian and Rachael Keen.
College Vice Captains - Jack Mills, Jacob Rumler, Clare Shelton and Caitlyn Schaper.
Senior House Captains - Albion Samantha Harbridge, Cornish Jemma Harris, Bonshaw Ciara Bradley, Picton Christina Luu.
Student Representative Council - Thomas Eastman, Zachary Voigt, Jayde Butcher, Madeleine Snibson, Rebekah Clarkson, Troy Leishman, Brandon Treeby and John Smith.

Middle School Captains - Conor Kappatos and Amber Dennis.
Middle School Vice Captains - Mitchell Collins and Gemma Lee.
Middle School House Captains - Albion Christopher Slater, Cornish Riley Bain, Bonshaw Sharon George, Picton Patrick Bradley.
Redan Campus Captains
Isla Edyvane, Rachel Shaw and Courtney Page.

With such an outstanding group of students accepting the challenge of leadership I have no doubt that the future is exciting, not just for the Phoenix Community but Ballarat and beyond.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Acting Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE
At the beginning of the year it is important that parents begin to focus on helping their senior students complete a successful year. VCE/VCAL is the most stressful period of school that your child will undertake. Even the most capable student can feel overwhelmed from time-to-time. You can do many things to create a home environment in which your teenager is able to study, relax and can talk about things that are bothering them. Ask yourself how you usually deal with stress and what you are teaching your teenager. Some practical tips are as follows:

- Guide, support and encourage your child.
- Don’t nag.
- Don’t tell them they will fail if they don’t work harder.
- Encourage healthy eating, regular exercise and plenty of sleep.
- Create an effective work space in the house.
- Let them know that you’re there when they need you.
- Give them positive feedback whenever possible.
- Remember the VCE/VCAL is about them, not you.
- Keep an eye on their emotional health; look for changes in sleeping or eating and see your local doctor if concerned.

Attend Parent/Teacher evenings and keep up to date with COMPASS on https://phoenix.vic.jdlf.com.au/
If there are issues, are many people at school to help and we are willing to meet with you as often as possible. Feel free to contact your child’s Village team.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE
What a fantastic start to the year. We have had quite a lot of new students begin in the Middle School from Years 7 to 9 this year. We would like to welcome all these new students to the College and hope they all make the most of the learning opportunities on offer at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

Year 7 Induction Day
On Thursday, 4th February we held a very positive and productive Year 7 Induction Day where all students were given the opportunity to participate in Team Building Games based around our College values. These activities were run by Mr Travis Munro with our Year 7 teachers. During the day all Year 7 students learnt important information about the College to give them the best start for the school year. Students were able to meet their teachers and House Managers while participating in the induction sessions. That night we had a welcome BBQ outside the Inquiry Village for all Year 7 students and their families. Many students, parents and staff attended the night and it was a great way for all involved to start building connections and positive relationships with each other. This was a very good opportunity for parents and teachers to meet.

Lockers, Timetables and Subject Selections
In the Middle School most students should have now been allocated lockers. Any issues with lockers, timetables or subject allocations need to be worked out with the appropriate House Manager as soon as possible. Over the next week House Managers will be calling the parents of all our new students and especially our Year 7 students to discuss your student’s transition...
IMMUNISATIONS

Dates for immunisations this year are as follows:

Wednesday 16th March
Wednesday 11th May
Wednesday 14th September

All immunisations are given in Year 7 only from this year and cards will be distributed to students in the near future. Please check with your child for cards and return them, filled in, whether or not they are having the immunisation. **Failure to return cards will result in families being followed up by the local council.**

Thank you

Lorraine Firth
Adolescent Health Nurse

We wish to inform you that council’s traffic unit will be actively enforcing school crossing areas and pick and drop off areas to ensure safety for students, staff, motorists and school crossing supervisors. Please be mindful of where you are parking to drop off and pick up your children.

Uniform

We would like to acknowledge the efforts that students and families have made to ensure that students are in full College uniform for the start of the new school year. On the whole our students look really great, so a big thankyou to parents who ensured student uniforms were ready for the new school year.

Just a reminder to parents that all uniform items should be clearly named so that any lost items can be returned to the appropriate student.

Also, the rule regarding facial piercings remains unchanged. **The ONLY acceptable facial piercing is a small nose stud.**

If any parents or students have any questions, issues or problems please feel free to contact your designated Middle School House Manager or myself to have these issues resolved in a timely manner.

Mr Wayne Johnston
MIDDLE SCHOOL - Acting Assistant Principal

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NEXT GEN EXHIBITION 2016

Phoenix P-12 Community College (Sebastopol Campus) celebrates five students selected in this year’s Next Gen 2016 Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Next Gen showcases the work of students who have completed VCE studies in Art, Studio Arts, Visual Communication and Design in 2015. The students are from Government, Catholic and Independent schools from the Ballarat and Grampians region.

The five students exhibiting are:

Jesse Hickin - *Native Australian Animals* - Ceramic
Troy Leishman – *Pocket Tees and Poster*
Sierra Marschke - *Gold Silver Mandala, Cool & Warm Colour Mandalas, White Mandala* - Works on Paper
Casey Steel - *The Ocean I and The Ocean II - Ceramic Tiles in Wooden Boxes*
Jacinta Whitfield - *Dog Series - Scratch Paper*

The exhibition runs from Saturday, 30 January to Sunday, 27 March at The Ballarat Art Gallery on Lydiard Street which is open from 10am – 5pm.

Ms. Lesley Costley-Gray
Head of Visual Arts

Pictured left: Troy Leishman- Pocket Tees

Pictured right: Jacinta Whitfield - Dog Series
Towards the end of the school holidays, twenty of our Years 8-11 students attended a Rowing Intensive at Lake Wendouree. These students participated in a three day land and water based fitness training camp in preparation for the Head of the Lake Regatta they will compete in on 26th February. Students completed their Level 1 Coxswain Certificate and worked hard to develop as crews and refine their technique after the summer break.

A special thank you goes out to Jen and Kelly from the Wendouree-Ballarat Rowing Club for volunteering their time to coach across the three days and congratulations to those students involved.

**Senior Crew**
Ally Dennis, Caitlin Ritchie, Holly Dawson, Abby Simpson and Mary Greed.

**Year 10**
Tia Doyle, Rochelle Dirks, Tayla Scutcheon, Sophie Norris and Jack Anderson.

**Year 9**
Trisha Frankie, Amber Dennis, Samantha Spicer, Talisha Maxwell and Alisha Doyle.

**WHAT A WEEKEND!!!**

Congratulations to all our rowers who competed this weekend in the Ballarat-Wendouree Regatta. Our students represented both the Club and the College exceptionally well, displaying sportsmanship and persistence through some tough races and hot conditions. The Senior Crew had a tough day on Saturday coming up against some very experienced Melbourne crews but rowed their hearts out, competing in 8km of races throughout Saturday alone.

Sunday brought a win to the Year 10 crew in their B final and a second to our Year 9 crew in their B final. The senior girls came in fourth in their 1km race, going down to the open female crews. Our star cox, Mary Greed jumped in with the Wendouree-Ballarat Women’s Four and got them over the line to take home a shiny gold medal!

It was great to see our students compete as members of our affiliate club and support other members across the weekend. A huge thank you to every single staff member that took the time to come down and watch our kids over the weekend; they were stoked to have the support. It was a great moment to turn around and be standing with students, parents, staff members and club members supporting our crews on the water. A specific thanks to Jen and Kelly, our Head Coaches and Maree Hall for all her help running bow numbers and taking photos; wouldn’t have been possible without your support.

And we will do it all again on the 21st!!

**HEAD OF THE LAKE**

On Friday 26th February, three of our Girls Rowing Crews will compete in the prestigious ‘Head of the Lake’ at Lake Wendouree. They will be competing in 1km and 2km events depending on age group. Our senior girls will be returning to compete, and will this year race in the Senior Girls Division 3. We have also fielded a Girls Year 9 and 10 Crew. We encourage any Year 11 students interested in attending the event to support these crews to see Miss Eberle to sign up. Parents or community members are invited to attend the event that will run from 12-3pm.
PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016

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 Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s College as long as they are not employed at the College.
- **A mandated elected DET 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.

DET 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.

DET 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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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER
SCHOOL PHOTOS 2016
COMPASS have conducted our photo day last week and all students have a photo on Compass. Families are asked to choose the photo pack they want and place their order before the end of Term 1.

Order/Payment options:
Families are able to order their chosen photo pack and must pay direct to Compass as per the instructions on the order form which was handed out on photo day.

- Online ordering – Login to your Compass Account and order. (Saves $10.00 handling fee)
- Telephone order with Credit Card 03 8640 9640
- Post with credit card/cheque (made payable to School Photography Group Pty Ltd) to School Photography Group Pty Ltd, PO Box 366 Balwyn North 3104.
- KIOSK - Available to all families (Redan and Sebastopol Campus) Payment is by CASH only. Please be aware that you require the correct money as no change can be given. You will receive a receipt from the Kiosk for your reference. The KIOSK situated at the General Office - Sebastopol Campus.

Any queries regarding photos should be directed to Compass - 03 8640 9640.
Photos will be distributed through the College when completed.

COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL CHARGES
Phoenix P-12 Community College adopts a philosophy of education being a shared responsibility between parents and the school, striving to achieve the best possible educational outcome for each child in our care. This shared responsibility extends to the provision of resources which enables the school to provide the facilities and resources which allow our extensive curriculum program to run effectively.

All costs fall within the DET guidelines and are approved by the College Council. The Educational Cost structure includes Core Charge and Camps and Excursions.

The College Council has approved the Core charge for each Year level across both campuses, to cover Essential Educational Items, which parents are required to pay and are non-refundable as the activities are a part of the curriculum and students are expected to attend. Charges for camps and electives are charged separately at the time of the activity.

The following charges have been set by the College Council for 2016:

Core Essentials
Primary Campus
Years P – 2 : $ 240.00
Year s 3 – 6 : $ 260.00

Core Essential costs include essential class materials, 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 7 : $ 375.00  Year 8 : $ 350.00  Year 9 : $ 275.00
Year 10 : $ 275.00  Year 11 : $ 260.00  Year 12 : $ 260.00

Core Essentials costs include essential class materials and other core curriculum costs - according to year level requirements.

Curriculum Excursion payments are non-refundable (except for very special circumstances) as participation is a required part of the subject program.

Additional costs:
Elective costs are incurred when students choose their subject and are charged to family accounts accordingly. Additional fees are incurred for Musical Instrument hire, Specialist Sports, (including VCE) electives and other extracurricular activities as selected. Elective charges will be processed at the beginning of the year for 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 camps 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.
FAMILY ACCOUNTS
Paying your Family Account

Family statements are emailed regularly showing outstanding balances and should be paid as soon as possible. We have the following options for payment of accounts: Cash, BPAY, Cheque or Eftpos. Centrepay is also available for those who receive Centrelink payments – a periodic payment directly from Centrelink can be set up to assist with paying accounts. Please do not hesitate to contact the General Office if you need to discuss your account, or wish to devise a payment schedule.

Paying BPAY
Your family statements will have your family BPAY code which gives you the convenience of electronic payment. You can also make periodic payments into the school account using BPAY. These payments will be allocated to the oldest charge unless specified for a specific purpose. If you wish to pay something in particular, please email, telephone or return the remittance advice to school to enable correct allocation of funds.

Family payment envelopes are available from the General Office at any time you wish to drop a payment off. These will be attached to all excursion/camp notices for use when returning payment and forms.

COLLEGE COUNCIL
The next meeting of Phoenix P-12 Community College Council is scheduled for 6.15 pm on February 22nd, 2016. This meeting will be held in the Conference Room on the Sebastopol Campus.

The Annual General Meeting of Council will be held on March 7th, 2016.

Ms Lorraine Hayes

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 students 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 will be 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

HOW TO APPLY
Application forms are available at the General Office on both the Redan and Sebastopol Campuses. For more information go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing date for applications is 3rd June 2016
Starts 8 Feb, 2016

WISHING YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2016

Any student or parents of students currently in Years 7 or 8, please continue reading. Our After School Program will recommence on 23rd February in B40 from 3.15 – 4.30 p.m. until the end of term and then recommence in Term 2.

Students will receive afternoon tea before the commencement of an activity at 3.30 p.m. Come along on the 23rd and share some food and fun with like-minded students and please bring your runners with you. A calendar of activities will be available in the next newsletter and on the first night.

Any enquiries should be directed to Mrs. Jolly through the General Office – leave child’s name and your contact details so a return call can be made or student contacted.
At Phoenix, all students will participate in the School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) program. This program looks to teach positive behaviors to students through lessons at the start of the year and each month, whilst rewarding positive behaviours shown and celebrating achievement throughout the year.

Students will gain tokens which can be handed in to their classroom teacher (Redan Campus) or their Village office (Sebastopol Campus) and these can be redeemed for rewards. Available rewards in 2016 are:

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All work around SWPBS will focus on our College values and how these are demonstrated both within the classroom and in the yard. Our school values:

- **RESPECT**
- **RESPONSIBILITY**
- **INTEGRITY**
- **COOPERATION &**
- **EXCELLENCE**

We look forward to your support in 2016 and celebrating your student’s achievements.

Mrs. Nadia Impey
SWPBS Coordinator
SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS
YEARS 7 - 12
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THIS MONDAY 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 Sausages $1.00 Zooper Duper Icy Poles $1.00 Money raised will be donated to a charity TBC Come dressed in your house colours!!!!!!! NO coloured hairspray or crepe paper!!!

There will be a free swim at the end of the day for all students.

ALBION - YELLOW
CORNISH - GREEN
BONSHAW - BLUE
PICTON - RED

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. As part of the Victorian government’s uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack. Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225): Jumper x 1, PE shirt x 1, PE shorts x 1. For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve). For boys: shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve).

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents. Parents who missed this year’s CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016.

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniform?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their School Principal, Assistant Principal or Student Welfare Coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

Ballarat ADHD Parent Connection

The Ballarat ADHD Parent Connection is a friendly, relaxed group of parents and carers who come together, once a month during school terms. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed.

When: 10am – 12pm
4th Tuesday of the month
during the school term

Where: Ballarat Yacht Club
Wendouree Parade, Ballarat

2016 Dates: Tuesday 23rd February
Tuesday 22nd March
Tuesday 26th April
Tuesday 24th May
Tuesday 21st June
Tuesday 26th July
Tuesday 23rd August
Tuesday 25th October
Tuesday 22nd November

Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Coordinator
5329 1361, rpaton@pinarc.org.au

Ballarat Autism Parent Connection

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When: 10am – 12pm monthly on Mondays
during the school term

Where: Robin Hood Hotel
33 Peel St Nth, Ballarat

2016 Dates: Monday 15th February
Monday 21st March
Monday 11th April
Monday 10th May
Monday 20th June
Monday 10th July
Monday 15th August
Monday 12th September
Monday 17th October
Monday 14th November

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### IMPORTANT DATES 2016

**FEBRUARY**

15th  Swiming Sports  
   Eureka Pool  
   All students expected to attend  
22nd  College Council Meeting  
23rd  COMPASS Training for new Parents  
   3.30 - 4.30pm or 5.30 - 6.30pm  
   Communication Village Open Space  
24th  Year 10 Parent & Student  
   Work Placement Information Session  
   7.00pm L.R.C  
25th  STUDENT FREE DAY Both Campuses  

**MARCH**

1st  Year 10 Parent & Student  
    Demystifying Senior Years Acronyms & Expectations 7.00pm LRC  
7th  Athletics Day - **Sebastopol Campus**  
    Llanberris  - All students are expected to attend.  
   **COLLEGE COUNCIL AGM MEETING**  
8th  Athletics Day - **Redan Campus**  
    Llanberris  
    INFORMATION EVENING 5.30 Start  
   See advertisement below  
14th  LABOUR DAY - STUDENT FREE  
16th  2016 Deb Ball Student and Parent Information  
   Session 7.00pm LRC  
24th  End of Term  

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**SMILING MIND**

**What is it?**

Smiling Mind is a Mindfulness Meditation program that has been developed by a team of psychologists with expertise in youth and adolescent therapy and available to download for free from the App store. It has multiple levels from 7 years to adult and a variety of types of meditation activities.

**Why is it important?**

In recent years, Mindfulness Meditation has become very popular in treating stress, resilience, anxiety, depression and other physical and mental illnesses.

**Benefits?**

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