PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

2017 – A Year of Focus at Phoenix P-12 Community College

I would like to welcome all students and families to the 2017 school year, especially if you are 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 an overnight camp, extending last year’s day camp. The focus for the camp was “setting goals and making the absolute most of every learning opportunity that the year will bring”. All Year 7 students have also had a school-based Induction Day whereby students worked in teams and focused on what it takes to work productively in a team environment. Students also had an introduction to the use of their laptops as well as 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 53 new prep students, 204 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 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.

College DUX of VCE and VCAL Class of 2016

I could not be prouder of the results that the graduating class of 2016 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 Tameka Clinton, who was the VCE Dux of 2016. Tameka approached her two year VCE program with determination and passion and achieved outstanding results in each of her studies. We wish Tameka well as she commences her studies in Science at Melbourne University. Congratulations also go to Lycinda Trotter, who was awarded the VCAL Dux of 2016. Lycinda was acknowledged for her determination and focus on achieving the highest possible results in each of her study areas.

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 2016 Year 12 group 50 students applied for University placements; all 50 have received a first round University offer. What is especially pleasing is 82% of these were first and second preferences which is an outstanding result. 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: Tameka Clinton: VCE – Science (Melbourne University); Brooke Henderson VCAL – Event Management (William Angliss Institute); Sanjay Sebastian VCE – Oral Health (La Trobe University); Colin Krause VCAL – Graphic & Digital Design (Academy of Design Australia); Clare Shelton VCE – Biomedical Science (Deakin University); Jaime Maughan VCE – Nursing Paramedicine (Australian Catholic University); Jacob Rumler VCE – Chiropractic (Health Science RMIT) and Thomas Parkinson VCE – Science (Monash University).

Phoenix P-12 Community College Learning Village Structure in 2017

As I mentioned earlier 2017 is the year of focus 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 again welcome the Year 6 students to the Sebastopol campus; they have made an outstanding start to the year. This year students from Prep to Year 12 will continue to 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) Years 9-10/Student Learning; Mr. Stephen Fields (Assistant Principal) Years 11-12/Student Inclusion and Mr. David Garner (Assistant Principal) Years 7-8/Student Learning.

Phoenix P-12 Community College Facilities
The holiday period has been incredibly busy as we prepare for the return of our students:

Tender for Stage 3 Building has now closed. The 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 works are planned to include a new Bus Zone which will relieve traffic congestion on Tuppen Drive.

On the Redan Campus significant work has been undertaken to strategically locate our grade levels to effective pods. In addition to this there have been upgrades to the meeting room and learning preparation room. This will enable us to facilitate the Multilit program and also our staff Professional Learning Communities.

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 has transformed to become the Bachelor of Social Sciences and is now a regular feature of our learning program.

New College Staff for 2016
We extend a Phoenix welcome to the following new members of staff:
**College Leadership:** David Garner- Assistant Principal
**Redan Campus teaching staff:** Sophie Napoli, Erin Larsen, Oliver Scott and Cha Ling Teo.

**Sebastopol Campus teaching Staff:** Clare Key, Ruby Wilson, Ben Angow, Laura Cox, Grace Blackmore, Sophia Aleem, Joanna Kemp, James Bester, Kelli Zaal Tlarnee Lake and Sarah Hawkes.

**DOTS Campus:** Jay Brokenshow and Emma Hampson

In addition to all of these wonderful additions we welcome Kai Nunn and Chris Ruddick from leave.

With these Staffing additions the College is better placed than ever to meet the learning needs of our students. 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:** Emiley Cody and Escher Russell.
**College Vice Captains:** Ally Dennis and Abby Simpson.
**College House Captains:** Harry Lodge (Albion), Mary Greed (Bonshaw), Natasha Dontje (Cornish) and Jasmine Monger (Picton).


**Middle School Captains:** Salli Mould and Riley Caldow.
**Redan Campus Captains:** Naomi Shaw, Chloe Boag and Declan Johnston-Chan.
**Redan Campus Vice Captains:** Taya Johnson, Makala Kricak and Samantha Stephens.

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**
Principal

**SENIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT**

**Year 12 Camp**
The beginning of 2017 for our youngest and oldest students on the Sebastopol Campus was all about creating a sense of community and belonging that will define our year together.

2017 couldn’t have got off to a more challenging start for our senior students with Year 12 taking the short trip to Log Cabin in Creswick to take some giant leaps forward on their road to success. We lay down the gauntlet to our students to push themselves beyond
whom come from much smaller primary schools and it is critical that we foster a clear sense of belonging within our Year 7 cohort. The day saw students involved in a range of team-building exercises in which they had to rely on each other to pass the tasks successfully. By design, these activities encouraged students to problem-solve together and listen to each other in order to ensure that they were successful.

Students also got a chance to become familiar with their ‘Notebooks’ in order to set them up for success within the 1:1 computer program that we are running. We also provided opportunities for students to learn together in sessions that were run by our teaching staff and we were exceptionally impressed by the way our students were prepared to engage with their learning and each other, showing our school values in their actions throughout the day.

And in true Phoenix style, we ended the day with a community event where we saw parents, students and teachers coming together in a well-attended Year 7 BBQ.

We thank all the staff, students, parents and carers who were involved in what has been an incredibly positive start to 2017!

Mr Stephen Fields
Assistant Principal

**APPLIED LEARNING (VET/VCAL) REPORT**

**New Staff 2017**

Applied Learning has a lot of fantastic new staff and programs this Semester. We would like to welcome Ruby Wilson, Scott Whitelaw and Tlarnee Lake. Ben Angow, Grace Blackmore and Laura Cox have also joined us after completing Year 12 at Phoenix P-12 Community College (formerly Sebastopol College) and going on to University. It’s great to have them back and working with students who can aspire to be like them.

**New and Continuing Programs**

The new programs this Semester will include Fit for Life with Drew Layton, a wonderful program around personal fitness and wellbeing; Rural Studies with Faye Kricak which includes nationally accepted CFA training; Community programs with Belinda Dwyer working with our kids at the Ballarat Specialist School and Mentor where Scott Whitelaw works with our students at the Redan Campus. Fantastic ‘real world’ experiences that enable students to develop workplace skills.

Mr Andrew Greed
VET/VCAL Coordinator
Welcome to all families who have joined the Phoenix P-12 Community College community.

COMPASS PORTAL - FAMILY LOGIN
Families have been given information about COMPASS and their family login details.

CONTACT WITH THE COLLEGE
Please log into the portal https://phoenix.vic.compass.education and get familiar with COMPASS as this is the main communication tool between families and the College. If you require assistance with your login or access, please contact the General Office.

URGENT MESSAGES
If you have an urgent message for your child, please call the General Office telephone number – 5329 3293 – Option 1 for the Sebastopol Campus and Option 2 for the Redan Campus. Absence Hotline is for Absences only - and your message may not be picked up in time.

SICKBAY
If students are unwell, they need be at home where you can care for them. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If your child is unwell at school, you may receive a call from the Sick Bay staff, requesting you pick your child up from the General Office. Parents are required to come into the General College Foyer to collect and sign out their child.

PICKING UP STUDENTS DURING THE DAY
If you have appointments or other reason for collecting your child during the school day, please make sure you send a note or contact the school to make arrangements. Parents are asked to come into the General Office Foyer to collect and sign out their students. If students are not signed out, their absence from class will generate unexplained absences.

IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY!!
Students are expected to be at school every day. If your child is marked at absent and we have no notification you will receive an SMS message to the nominated mobile telephone at 11am.

NEWSLETTERS ARE IMPORTANT
Make sure you read the Newsletter each month to keep you informed about what is going on at the College.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION
If you are new to the College and have outstanding documents to complete enrolment, such as outstanding birth certificates, immunisation or other documentation, please ensure you get it to the General Office asap.

IMPORTANT - Help us keep our data accurate!
Please contact the General Office or update your information on COMPASS if you have any changes to your family contacts, emergency contacts, employment or family guardianship details. We need to have current data to make sure we can contact you if required. If you have a new or recently changed email, please make sure you let us know. The monthly Newsletter and family accounts are emailed out to families, along with other vital information regarding the education of your child (ren).

THE FINANCIALS
Family statements will be sent out soon for the 2017 Core charges and also subject elective costs. Payment is appreciated as soon as possible and remember you can pay instalments.

SET UP REGULAR PAYMENTS NOW
We are happy to receive regular weekly or fortnightly deposits into your family accounts. Cash, EFTPOS, Centrepay or BPAY are welcome.

2017 BOOKLISTS
It is important that your child has the correct text books and other supplies as per the booklists to make sure they can participate in all classroom activities from the start of the school year.

Classes started from the first day of the school year and it is hard if students do not have their books.

I believe most families have collected their 2017 booklists from Ballarat Books or Radmac, but if you have yet to collect your child’s pack, please do so as soon as you can.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next meeting of Phoenix P-12 Community College Council is scheduled for 6:15pm on Monday February 20th, 2017. This meeting will be held in the Conference Room on the Sebastopol Campus.

The Annual General Meeting of Council will be held on Monday March 20th, 2017.

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager
PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017

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.

General Office: 03 5329 3293
Email: phoenix.p12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au

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INFORMATION EVENING 2017
Tuesday 14th March
Campus Expo & Tours from 5.30pm
Information Briefing from 7pm

School tours available by appointment.
To book please call the General Office on 5329 3293

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS • Hertford Street, Sebastopol, VIC 3356
www.phoenix.vic.edu.au
SLURPEE EPIDEMIC

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have worked closely with the management of the 7-Eleven Sebastopol at 50 Hertford Street to minimise disruption to learning as a result of their recent opening.

Only Year 12 students will be served between 8:45am and 3:20pm, as part of the additional privileges we offer our senior students.

It is our expectation that Year 12 students will only access the 7-Eleven Sebastopol during recess and lunchtime, with study periods being allocated solely for study.

Students purchasing goods from the 7-Eleven Sebastopol will be asked to dispose of their rubbish before entering school grounds so that we can minimise any litter.

As part of our ‘Wellbeing’ provision we will be sharing the following information with our students, regarding the sugar content of products such as ‘Slurpees’.

• Large Size = 21 teaspoons of sugar
• Super Size = 29 teaspoons of sugar
• Mega Size = 38 teaspoons of sugar

Quote from World Health Organisation sugar study: “Children with the highest intakes of sugar-sweetened beverages had a greater likelihood of being overweight or obese than children with the lowest intakes…”

Thank you for your support on this matter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS

One of the students at our school/kindergarten is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox or measles. The risk for this student can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses.

It is very important therefore that you let the College know immediately if your child develops chicken pox or measles so that the student at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for a few weeks only, and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses.

Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of one of his/her classmates does depend on your help and cooperation.

With many thanks,

Phoenix P-12 Community College
Phone: 03 5329 3293

We have a commitment to...

• Being on time and ‘present’ within all professional meetings and learning.
• Being respectful, inclusive and honest with our colleagues in order to support our collective learning and development.
• Shared accountability for student growth and the increased capacity of teaching at Phoenix P-12 Community College.
• Being solutions based and setting realistic and challenging goals.
• The shared vision of our school that aims to enable optimum student growth.
• Being data driven through the analysis of student outcomes in order to increase our collective capacity as teachers.
• Being reflective and prepared to learn from and with each other.
Wellbeing at Phoenix P-12 Community College

At Phoenix College Wellbeing and Engagement is imbedded in our daily practices creating a positive, safe and enjoyable learning environment so that students may reach their maximum level of achievement both academically and socially through effective teaching and learning practices. We have a strong Wellbeing team across both campuses who respect and celebrate the fact that every student is an individual. Our students participate in structured and unstructured wellbeing and engagement programs, developing skills to engage in and achieve a meaningful life. 2017 is all about the year of consolidating Mindfulness into our classrooms. The latest research has found not only does it help with students’ sleeping habits, but it also boosts concentration, lowers stress levels and can even have a knock-on effect of lowering disruptive and bullying behaviour in schools. For more on this check out the latest article about Mindfulness which appeared in the Herald Sun on Sunday 29th January. http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-4168226/New-research-reveals-kids-taught-mindfulness.html

“Maths, English and mindfulness: Children could be taught how to quieten their minds in school as it’s revealed the practice has huge benefits for mental health problems.”

The College is committed to supporting the following programs to ensure all students feel good about themselves:

- SWPBS
- Pastoral Care Group
- College Breakfast Program
- Rock and Water and Girls Group
- Mindfulness
- After School Club

“Wellbeing is a combination of feeling good as well as actually having meaning, good relationships and accomplishment.” – Martin Seligman

2017 STUDENT PHOTO DAY

College Photo Day was on February 2nd 2017 for both campuses.

If your child has missed out on their school photo, a catch up day for absent students is on Friday 17th February.

Family Photos are also available on this day. Please leave your name at the Sebastopol General Office.

Photos will again be available for online ordering and payment to COMPASS after photo day.

We have made some improvements to the Photo Day process and hope that the photos will be available much earlier in 2017.

Issues Discussed and Curriculum Aspects

Red Frog programs address a number of real issues students face in a non-judgemental, practical way, offering information, advice and insights from our experiences with young people and the referral of professionals.

Schoolies/Leavers & Party Safe Program

We share information and advice on key issues which arise during Schoolies and Leavers, encouraging and empowering students to make positive choices within various party environments (particularly Schoolies/Leavers celebrations).

The issues we discuss include:
- Alcohol, drugs and the Australian drinking culture.
- Violence, sexual assault and criminal convictions.
- Depression, anxiety and suicide ideation.
- How Not To Get Evicted At Schoolies.
- Staying Safe At Schoolies.

Life After School Program

Red Frogs see a need in supporting young people as they prepare for the changes and choices they will face once they leave school. This program aims to address concerns and expectations students may have in regards to:
- Purpose
- Choices
- Responsibilities
- Relationships
- Living arrangements and
- Social relations
“A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.” 2017 will be busy for Chinese and Australian travel agents. At the beginning of Term 3, 2017 we hope to host 25 Chinese students. Their trip was postponed at the end of 2016, but they are keen to maintain relations. I will be calling for homestay families at the end of Term 1. If you have any questions please email: quinn.angela.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

It is preferred that you host two students if possible, but one alone will be fine. The students are in Years 7-9. There will be a reimbursement to cover costs. The homestay will include two weekends.

We will also be sending 10 Year 9 students to China in October as part of the Victorian Government’s Young Leaders Program. This will involve a six week trip to China including homestay, travel, school experience and working with a team of Victorian students and teachers. I will be calling for applications for this trip in Term 1; students studying Chinese will be given priority.

Mrs Angela Quinn
Assistant Principal

FREE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP
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. 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. It is easy to use and a great way to find a bargain. As we no longer run a second-hand bookshop we are hoping that families take advantage of this terrific online system and buy and sell unwanted books or items of uniform.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR LAPTOP YET? - YEAR 7 LAPTOP 1:1

Our goal is to ensure that all 2017 Year 7 students can start the year fully prepared with their laptop ready for laptop training in the first few days of the school year.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED YOUR LAPTOP PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ORDER FORM (OPTION 1 if that’s what you choose) AND PAY AT THE GENERAL OFFICE.

OPTION 1 TOTAL PRICE: $549 CHEAPEST PRICE
Includes FREE Laptop Bag provided by Phoenix College for all orders while stocks last. Delivery of Laptop will now be in the New Year.

Payment methods available: EFTPOS, CHEQUE, CASH or BPAY
PAYMENT MUST BE FINALISED BEFORE COLLECTION OF LAPTOP
If you are having difficulties with payment options please do not hesitate to contact Ms Lorraine Hayes our Business Manager.

Please email ICThelp@phoenix.edu.au for any technical difficulties.
Student Code of Conduct
2017 Phone Use Guidelines

As of 2017, Phoenix P-12 Community College will follow DET guidelines for mobile phone/electronic device use in our College.

Students and parents should be reminded that mobile phones/electronic devices are used at the owner’s risk.

Mobile phone cameras (still and video) must not be used:

- In banned spaces for example changing rooms, toilets, gyms and swimming pools.
- To film people and their activities without their knowledge or permission.
- Mobile phones must not be used to send harassing or threatening messages.

Guidelines

Students will:

- Only use mobile phones/electronic devices when usage will not disrupt the normal school routine.
- Have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight during classes.
- Only use their mobile phones before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks.
- Display courtesy, consideration and respect for others when using a mobile phone.
- Ensure that their phones are always stored in a safe and secure place.

Note: Students can have access to a mobile phone where there is a need to contact parents/guardians in an emergency.

Teachers will:

- Discourage the use of mobile phones in the classroom unless they can be appropriately incorporated into the learning program.

Take appropriate action against any student who:

- Photographs or films other individuals without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages or is caught using a mobile phone in exams or assessments.

An important cybersafety message

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we’ll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au
Summer Rowing News

We have been busy this side of the Christmas preparing for the upcoming Head of the Lake regatta with training and regattas having resumed for 2017. We took 28 students to Dimboola during the January school holidays for a training camp and spent three days building on the students’ skills and technique on the water and challenging their fitness with land-based sessions.

These students gave up their holidays to improve their crews and worked incredibly hard while braving some very hot weather. A lot of fun was had by all and I congratulate all the students on their effort and attitude over the three days. A huge thank you also to Miss Hall, Mr Angow and Miss Hawkes for their assistance with the camp and our three coaches who also attended.

We also competed in the Ballarat regatta over the weekend with our senior crews hopping back into competition. We walked away with two firsts and two thirds and a very tired boat captain who pushed through 4km on the day to fill crews.

Let's go Phoenix!!

Ms Kiya Eberle
Sports Coordinator
2017 Swimming Sports
Tuesday 21st of February
Your village needs you!!

Bring:
* Your bathers
* Sunscreen, hat and water bottle
* Food or money (bbq and canteen on site)
* Dress in your village colours (Please no body paint or hair colouring!)
DID YOU KNOW PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS ITS VERY OWN ARMY CADET UNIT?

Do you want to make new friends?  
Are you looking for a new interest?  
Are you keen to develop new skills?  
Are you interested in community service?  
Would you like to learn more about the Defence Force?

All students of Phoenix P-12 Community College and their parents are invited to the

Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit  
New Recruit Open Night

Monday 20th February, 2017 at 6pm  
Ballarat South Community Hub

This evening will include a short presentation on Army Cadets, BBQ and cadet displays. Students and parents will have an opportunity to meet adult leaders and cadets. Learn more about this program and how to become involved.

For more information contact  
Capt (AAC) Margaret Benoit  
Officer Commanding  
Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit  
Ph: 0417 014 978 or margaret.benoit@armycadets.gov.au

Minimum Age: Students must turn 13 years or older in 2017 to enrol in Army Cadets. Parading Monday Nights (School Terms) 6 – 9:15pm
Positive Parenting Telephone Service

This program is offered to parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our free ten week program aims to assist you to:

* Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
* Encourage behaviour you want to see in your children
* Manage everyday behaviour problems
* Set rules & limits
* Teach new skills

This program is completed via a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly phone calls with a trained parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

Interested?
For more information please phone 1800 880 660

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Enrol now and make a positive start last a lifetime

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Antipodeans Trip: Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Parent Information Evening

**When:** Monday 20th February

**Where:** Phoenix P-12 Community College in the Library (LRC)

**Time:** 6:30pm

For more information please contact: Mr Alex Patterson

http://tinyurl.com/PhoenixCostaRica
2017 CALENDAR

February

17th School Photo Catch-up Day
(for absent students and family photos)
20th Finance Sub-committee Meeting
(5:30pm) followed by School Council Meeting (6:15pm)
20th Sebastopol Army Cadets New Recruit Open Night (6pm) at HUB
20th Antipodeans Trip - Parent Info Evening (6:30pm) in the LRC
21st Senior Swimming Sports at Eureka Pool (dress up in your House colours)
23rd Senior Music Camp (HUB) 2 days

March

6th Red Frog Presentation (Year 12)
13th Labour Day - Public Holiday
14th Information Evening Year 7 2018 Campus Tours - 5:30pm
Information Briefing - 7:30pm
14th Year 7 Immunisations
14th Redan Athletics Carnival
15th Senior Athletics Sports (Llanberis)
20th Annual School Council Meeting
(6pm) followed by General Council Meeting (7pm)
30th Parent/Teacher Interviews
(4pm-7pm)
31st Parent/Teacher Interviews
(9am-2:30pm) - No Formal Classes
31st End of Term 1

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