

Principal's Message

Dear students, parents, guardians and community members,

It has been a very busy few weeks at the College.

On Wednesday our final Year 12 2019 VCE examination was completed. I would like to thank all of the Year 12 VCE teachers for their extraordinary efforts this year to help our students, and to all of the teachers and parents who have guided these students over the years. It is a team effort! To our students, we wish you all the very best over the next few weeks as you wait for your results to come out. A special thanks to Mr Adam Hands, Acting Later Years Sub-School Leader, who put in the extra hard yards over the last three weeks to supervise examinations very late into the afternoons.

Our Year 7-11 end of year examination program was also a great success. It is always such a great sight to walk the school during the exams and see our students embracing their examinations with such rigour. Our 2020 commencement program has got underway beautifully, and our students are now getting stuck into their new class work. I would like to thank all of our teachers who have been working very hard over the last few months to prepare for the commencement program, and are now busy marking exams and finalising reports whilst also delivering their new classes. Whilst I know that all students (and staff!) are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, it is imperative that we all maintain the energy and focus on learning for the next two weeks.

Our Year 11 Intermediate VCAL students recently completed their end of year graduation/mock job interviews, and presented their learning portfolios for the year. A big thanks to the students and teachers who worked together to achieve some great outcomes! Last week our college was represented at the City of Casey VCAL Network Achievement Awards ceremony, which saw the highest performing VCAL students from the district come together. We are very proud to announce the outstanding achievement award recipients; Year 12 VCAL: Darcy Wilkinson, and Year 11 VCAL: Erica Damond. Big thanks to Mr Martin McDonald, Ms Lisa Murphy, and the entire VCAL teaching team for supporting these fantastic students.

This week we hosted our 2020 Year 7 students and parents for their orientation interviews. It was an amazing day that saw all students have a 20 minute interview to prepare them for their commencement at Kambrya College. Big thanks to Ms Kelly Kinsella, Mrs Rose Serra and all the teachers who supported with this day.

Many thanks to the significant majority of parents and students who have supported the College's position on chewing gum. Again, I will reiterate that this is an officially prohibited item in the school, and students found in possession face suspension. We have a zero tolerance for it, and we are looking forward to redirecting our finances from cleaning up chewing gum damage to more worthy educational priorities.

As the hot weather is now arriving, please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school for use during class time. Students have the opportunity to rehydrate at recess and lunch, but are not permitted to leave class to go for drinks. Furthermore, can I please ask all parents to ensure that you do not deliver junk food or drinks to the school.

Key Dates

2019

All School Calendar dates now appear on Compass - we strongly encourage all parents to check for upcoming events through Compass, click on the Calendar Tab, then Public Whole School Calendar, you are able to view details in a Week or Month format

Tuesday 12th November - Friday 6th December
Commencement Program

Friday 29th November
Year 12 Valedictory

Wednesday 18th December
Kambrya College Presentation Night

2020

Tuesday 28th January
Staff Return to work

Wednesday 29th January
Students Return for First Day of 2020 school year

We can accept the occasional delivery of a student's home made lunch if they have left it at home, however we are not prepared to accept delivery of slurpies, pizzas, McDonalds, or other such items to the school. Our canteen is readily available for purchase of food, and respectfully, our front office staff have more important work to do than facilitating such deliveries. I appreciate your support with this.

As many of you will no doubt have already heard, the Victorian Minister for Education recently announced that from the beginning of the 2020 school year, mobile phones will be banned in the yard and in classrooms, and students will be required to keep them in their lockers, should they bring them to school. This is a requirement across all Victorian Government Schools. In consultation with the Kambrya College School Council, we are still in the process of working our way through the development of a new school wide policy in this regard, and we are also developing our implementation plan and reviewing our secure storage infrastructure. At this point in time, I am not yet ready to publicly release these new guidelines, but I will state that the Ministerial Policy will be adhered to. With this in mind, I advised all students at the recent whole school assembly that they should begin to prepare themselves for this change. Whilst I accept that for some students this will be a challenging adjustment, they will indeed survive! Please start to talk to your child about this, and watch this space for further details in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards

Keith Perry
Principal

Admin News

ABSENT - End of Year Activity Event on Compass - DET Requirement

Parents/Guardians are reminded that if your child/ren are not going to attend school in the last 2 weeks of the school year, you are required to complete the **ABSENT - End of Year Activity Event on Compass - note that there is ONE for each day starting from 9th December to 19th December 2019**. Note that this is a DET requirement. If you require assistance please contact the front office staff.

2020 School Fees now available on Compass

Please be advised that the 2020 School Fees are now available to be paid on Compass, please contact IT staff if you are still having trouble in accessing Compass.

If you require assistance in making payments please contact the Accounts office.

G.I.R.L.s Program News



#ITSINTHEBag

The students in B9G are helping women in need and we need your help! We are collecting items to fill bags to assist women who are homelessness or poverty this Christmas.



A quick guide to your #ITSINTHEBag donation

Choose a handbag you no longer use, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares.

Your donation to our "It's in the Bag" initiative will be given to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence all around Australia.

All items included in your bags MUST BE NEW and in sealed packaging for health, safety & hygiene reasons. Medium to large sized handbags or backpacks may be in good to excellent second hand condition or brand new.

ESSENTIALS

- ♥ Shampoo
- ♥ Soap/body wash
- ♥ Toothbrush
- ♥ Deodorant
- ♥ Conditioner
- ♥ Pads/Tampons
- ♥ Toothpaste

EXTRAS

- Baby Wipes
- Face Wipes
- Tissues
- Perfume
- Dry Shampoo
- Hair Ties
- Hair Brush
- Comb
- Sunscreen
- Movie Tickets
- Gift Vouchers
- Meal Vouchers
- Phone Card
- Book
- Socks
- Undies
- Stationery
- Towel
- Poncho
- Scarf
- Jewellery
- Moisturiser
- Handwritten note or card

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS:

- ✗ Pharmaceutical items (including but not limited to condoms, throat lozenges, paracetamol or nurofen)
- ✗ Any food or drinks
- ✗ Razors/knives/scissors
- ✗ Loose tampons and pads

The charities, organisations and shelters the bags go to for distribution have requested that the above listed items are not included in the bags for the health, safety and hygiene of the volunteers, staff and recipients of the bags. Thank you for your understanding.

For more information visit sharethedignity.com.au



A quick guide to your #ITSINTHEBag donation

NAPPY BAG ESSENTIALS

Choose a nappy bag or large handbag you no longer use, fill it with items that would make a new mum feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Your donation to our "It's in the Bag" initiative will be given to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence all around Australia.

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NAPPY BAG ESSENTIALS

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Roll-on deodorant
- Maternity pads
- Baby wipes
- Breast pads
- Dummies
- New born nappies
- Baby shampoo
- Baby wash
- Nappy rash cream
- Disposable nappy bags

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TEEN BAG ESSENTIALS

Choose a backpack or large handbag you no longer use, fill it with items that would make a teen feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Your donation to our "It's in the Bag" initiative will be given to homeless teens, teens at risk or teens experiencing domestic violence all around Australia.

All items included in your bags MUST BE NEW and in sealed packaging for health, safety & hygiene reasons. Medium to large sized bags or backpacks may be in good to excellent second hand condition or brand new.

TEEN BAG ESSENTIALS

- ♥ Shampoo
- ♥ Soap/body wash
- ♥ Toothbrush
- ♥ Toothpaste
- ♥ Roll on Deodorant
- ♥ Conditioner
- ♥ Pads/Tampons suitable for teens

EXTRAS

- Face Wash
- Tissues
- Body spray
- Dry Shampoo
- Hair Ties
- Hair Brush
- Scrunchies
- Sunscreen
- Movie Tickets
- Gift Vouchers
- Meal Vouchers
- Phone Card
- Lip Gloss
- Socks
- Undies
- Notebook
- Pens/Pencils
- Towel
- Poncho
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The images above provides a list of the donations we are hoping to receive. Drop-off points are in each sub-school, the front office and in the PE/PA staffroom. We are also needing new or second-hand handbags, backpacks and nappy bags that are in good condition.

Accepting donations until Wednesday 4th December

Sustainability News

Sustainability News: Biodiversity at Kambrya College and at your home

Earlier this year, the Year 10 Environmental Science class undertook a biodiversity audit at our school grounds. Their findings show that we scored 51/100 and many improvements can be made. As part of our 3-year biodiversity plan, we aim to increase the audit score to 80/100 by 2023.

Some of the ways our school can do this are...

- Planting more trees, so we have at least 10 trees per hectare
- Remove more weeds
- Cover at least 80% of the school grounds with organic litter

Currently, we hold annual working bees where attendees have this year planted more plants and maintained some of the school's natural features. The Darrabi students also recently received a grant from Landcare and are working with them to regenerate more areas and plant more indigenous gardens. Some of the areas they have considered are the areas between the school gym and staff carpark, and the area around the shelter space between Bulen and Mirrim.

Some ways you can boost your biodiversity at home include mulching gardens to lower evaporation during summer, plant native fauna, don't use weeds chemicals, and feature bird and insect attracting plants

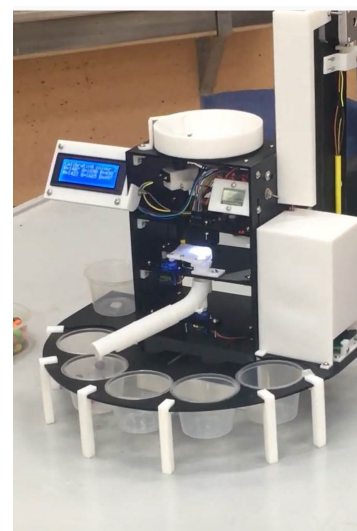
Sancha Fung for the Kambrya Sustainability Team



System Engineering News

In VCE Systems Engineering Jovial Chattrath spent this year creating a skittle sorting machine out of Arduino microcontrollers and motors. The machine scans the skittles and sorts them into separate buckets for easy eating. What makes his design unique is that if any skittles are not recognised, that skittle is picked up and returned to the start for rescanning. Jovial's design has now been short listed for Top Designs 2020.

Mr Rob Stark
HOD Technology



Humanities News

Humanities News

With final exam preparations underway, we begin to bid farewell to the 2019 academic year and reflect on a hectic yet eventful semester for the staff and students in Humanities. In the Humanities department we celebrate and appreciate the enthusiasm and support of our teachers and celebrate the efforts, achievements and voices of our students. As the Head of Humanities, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Humanities teachers for their hard-work, commitment and passion throughout the year. Humanities is an amazing and diverse subject, which investigates fascinating topics, ideas and individuals; both past and present. We would like to wish all our VCE Humanities students the best of luck on their final exams and thank you to the students below for sharing their passion and enthusiasm for Humanities.

ADELE SMARRELLI
HEAD OF HUMANITIES

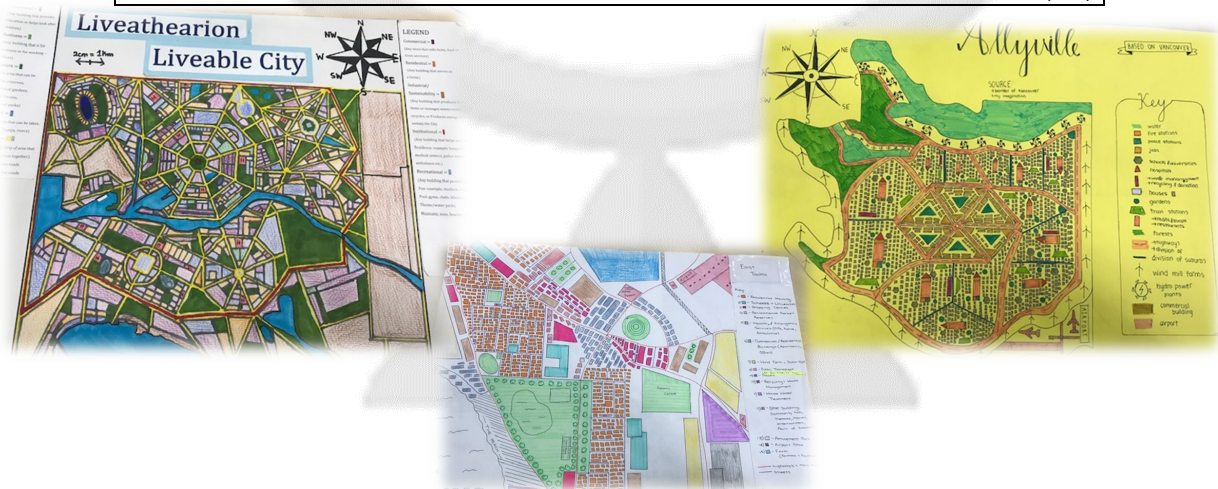
Year 7 SEAL Humanities

"In this semester of Humanities, we learned about a range of topics. Some of the main ones though were: Water in the world; Urbanisation; Place and Liveability. With 'Water in the world' we touched upon the distribution of water, and how it isn't even everywhere. We learnt how to help reduce our water footprint, and all of the indirect and direct water uses that add to the footprint. In 'Urbanisation' we learned about the positive and negative effects of urbanisation, some being the destruction of environmental and agricultural areas, and others being abundant access to resources and education. We also learned about the wastage of resources that urban areas account for. Later, we were educated about 'Place and Liveability' which taught us how urban and rural areas, become liveable for humans. We were taught about what makes a place liveable, and we were taught what it means by your 'place.' Overall this semester we learned a lot of new information that we were unaware of previously."

BY: ROBERT MASLAC (B7S)

"Coming into the second semester of the year, everyone knew it was going to be hectic and it sure was. Luckily, our wonderful teacher, had set clear instructions and expectations for our new unit which was Geography. With the aid of One-Note, we started the first topic which was Water in the World. This was a very interesting topic for everyone because we learnt some life-changing facts about the availability of water. Overall, it was something that really got everyone thinking about the most crucial resource especially when we did the Great Water Debate. Our next topic was urbanisation and it taught us how fast our society was growing and expanding from the city. This was definitely helpful because it also showed the differences of society in different areas of the world and it was a worthwhile contribution to our knowledge. Finally, we did place and liveability which was very engrossing and it was handy that we were in a liveable city ourselves! By the time the exams approached, we were all ready to go. We had done so much revision including a 180 question jumbo quiz and multiple mini tests that we felt like we were on top of the world. Humanities was very enjoyable this semester and we were very lucky to have our teacher because she introduced OneNote to us and it made our lives so much easier."

BY: TIRAN SIRIWARDANE (B7S)



Year 8 SEAL Humanities

"I have enjoyed Semester 2 of Humanities in 2019. This semester, geography was the focus, so my class undertook a number of tasks relating to tourism, biomes, the Murray River and food security. In term three we studied interconnection, and for our CAT researched how interconnection affected Melbourne's railways. At the start of term three we looked at tourism, which was definitely my favourite topic. This unit looked at factors affecting tourism over the world, and to test our understanding of the topic W8S undertook the questionably titled "Year 8 SEAL Humanities Thoughtful Thrilling Tourism Task". I enjoyed looking at how tourism had affected the country I had to research, Portugal. My class then investigated biomes and food security, these topics were useful to learn, if not the most interesting of subjects. The final unit focusing on the Murray River. It looked at the biomes and farming around the Murray River, as well as the impacts events and people are having on this river. I certainly learnt things about the Murray that I hadn't considered. Overall I have enjoyed Semester 2 of Year 8 SEAL humanities, and have learnt a lot!"

BY: ELIZABETH OLSSON (W8S)

Year 9 SEAL Humanities

"In Semester 2 Humanities, the SEALs studied climate change. We learnt about the dangers of what could happen, should carbon levels increase out of control, and about how it affects the environment and also our societies. We went out on an excursion to Philip Island, where we visited the Nobbies. Known for the fur seals and fairy penguins that frequent the area, while at the Nobbies we learnt about how environmental change is affecting our native species. Also while on the excursion, the classes toured Panny's Chocolate Factory. At the factory, interactive displays, taste tests, and on-



site packing lines showed us the complex and delicious process of turning cocoa pods into chocolate. The tour tied up our previous Humanities unit of the economics of chocolate. In this unit, the SEALs explored how supply and demand of commodities and cash crops applied to everyone's favourite treat. Also in this unit, we investigated the use of child labour in the cocoa industry, and the efforts being made to phase it out. Many of the things we've learnt this year have opened our eyes to both wondrous and not-so-wondrous things in our world and societies, as well as inspired us to make a change in our own lives."

BY: ZALI ADAMS (G9S)



Year 10 Elective – Extend Your Thinking

"We spent the entire day exploring (or getting lost in) the city and going to our very first escape room. We were tasked to navigating the city to find the escape room before the session started without the teacher's guidance. Luckily, we arrived on time for the event. The actual escape room was very much a fun and learning experience. There were three rooms overall, and so we were split into three groups. Each contained a specific theme tied to the challenges, and many unexpected adversaries such as origami, opening shelves, language translation, and mildly dangerous fire. We were given a time limit of 1 hour which the first group with 10 minutes left, the second only had 2 minutes and the last finished with only 9 seconds left!!! After, everybody went out to grab a bite and had a good time."

BY: ANASTASIA & NEELUPA (10V)

Kambrya College Community Associations News



Introducing our COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

Kambrya College Community Associations provide an opportunity for family members and friends of past and present Kambrya students to form a relationship with the school and to contribute to the school community.

The primary motivation for all groups is to build a sense of community.

KAMBRYA COLLEGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (KCCA)

KCCA supports the Principal and School Council by partnering in projects such as parent talks, second hand books & uniforms, fundraising activities and social events that bring the parent community together.

Other **KCCA** activities may include:

- Promoting friendship and support within the Kambrya community through social activities.
- Help raise funds to support school programs (such as the Student Representative Council (SRC) Sub-committee initiatives).
- Liaise with the school council and identify areas in need of funding not provided for within the budgetary limits of the school, and collaboratively set strategies and priorities to achieve fundraising objectives.
- KCCA seeks to maintain contact with our former students and staff as a valued part of our community. Where possible the KCCA will provide assistance when former student groups are organising reunions.

KAMBRYA COLLEGE – FRIENDS OF THE ARTS (FotA)

Friends of the Arts is a friendly and enthusiastic group of supporters who assist the Kambrya College school community with the pursuit of their Arts endeavours and college value of maximising the potential of every student.

Kambrya College Arts comprises:

Dance	Drama	Visual Arts
Media	Music	

Working in partnership with the College's Arts Department, **FotA** members help promote, support and enhance the Arts Department's programs and activities, including fundraising and utilising personal and professional strengths to enrich the College's Arts programs.

Recent highlights for the students and teaching teams have been the Annual School Musical (8 sold out shows!); numerous studio concerts and Evening of Excellence exhibitions showcasing student talents; Winning the People's Choice Award (for the second consecutive year) at the Casey Schools on Stage; and participation at the annual State Schools Spectacular at Melbourne Arena, televised by Channel 7.

FotA will meet approximately six times per year to discuss the goals and needs of the College's Arts community and explore how best to assist in meeting these goals and needs. Friends of KC Arts is not just for parents of present students in Arts, and we warmly welcome any community member who is passionate about arts and art education.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Your Involvement:

We are very aware of how busy people are, so we aim to keep all committee meetings to a minimum (held once per month during school terms only) and most communication is via email. There is no specific commitment required – your support can be as simple as donating an hour or two of your time to a working bee, or buying a raffle ticket for one of the students' fundraising activities.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

If you would like to become a member of a **Kambrya College Community Association**, and be added to our mailing list, please contact School Council President, Catherine English, (english.catherine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) and we will keep you informed about what is happening next within the Kambrya College community and how you can help and participate.

We thank you for your support, and look forward to welcoming you and your family into the Kambrya College Community.