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Upcoming Events



Thursday 4th February
Year 12 Retreat

Friday 5th February
Year 12 Retreat

Monday 16th February
Senior Round Robin

Tuesday 24th February
School Photos

Friday 27th February
Year 8 Round Robin

Tuesday 3rd March
SOC House Swimming
Carnival 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Monday 9th March
Labour Day Holiday

Victorian School Term Dates

Term 1 2nd February to 3rd April
Term 2 20th April to 26th June
Term 3 13th July to 18th September
Term 4 5th October to 18th December

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Progress is impossible without change: and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything"

George Bernard Shaw

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome

It's a new school year. I hope all families had a very restful holiday. A special welcome to new students and the Year 7s as they begin their secondary education. We are hoping that all students are ready to begin work and to do their best in all of their subjects.

It is only possible for students to do well in their classes if they have all the relevant text books. Please ensure that your child has all the necessary equipment to be able to complete his/her studies effectively.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, we are asking that parents ring the school (9579 2322) before 9:00am. If your child is absent from school and there has been no phone call, we will be contacting you. This is to ensure that both the school and the parents know the whereabouts of the young people in our care. Please assist us to improve the attendance at school.

No Form Assembly

There is no form assembly this year. School begins at 8:45am and ends at 3:10 as it did last year. Period 1 begins at 8:45. Rolls will be marked electronically every lesson. It is important that students arrive at school on time as they will be missing classes and interrupting the learning of others if they arrive late. Please insist that your child arrives to school in time to be organised for classes for the day.

School Planners and College Charges

School Planners have been distributed to all students. This is to ensure that all students are able to organise and plan their school day and their homework and so that no child is disadvantaged. The cost of the school planner is \$20. Could all families please pay for the planner at the first available opportunity.

We realise that these are difficult financial times for many families. For this reason we can provide payment plans to assist with the payment of the College charges. I am sure that you realise that we rely on these contributions to be able to provide the quality education that you expect for your children. We appreciate your support in this area.

Uniform

Please ensure correct uniform is worn at all times. It is important that our students are proud of their uniform and wear it correctly to and from school.

Staff Changes

We have farewelled Mr Jim Liacos, Mrs Jenny Smith, Mr Neil Gorham, Ms Wenlu Yu, Mr Graham Marshall, Ms Valmai Todd, Ms Donna Sharkey, Mrs Michelle Noonan and Tamara Magrath the school nurse. We thank them for their good work at South Oakleigh and wish them well in their future endeavours. Mrs Michelle Mascaro and Mrs Kati Kypri have taken family leave for 2009.

Our new staff members are Zoe Keystone who teaches Art/ Textiles and Vesna Pinchen our Business Manager. Our new school nurse is Jodie Atkin. Welcome also to Don Gibbons and Carmel Weber who are part of the Youth Commitment team.

Valuables

A reminder that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please discourage your child from bringing valuable to school.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MATHS?

$$\text{If } x = 2, x + 1 = 3$$

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a wonderful break and you are all ready for a big year in Maths at South Oakleigh College.

As we start the year, just a few helpful hints for your Maths studies:

Bring your books, writing pads, calculator and positive attitude to your classes

Be alert to what you are learning
Apply yourself to all your tasks
Think about your Maths problems as puzzles for you to solve

Don't be afraid to ask questions
Do your assigned work as soon as you can....delaying things does not help

Allocate regular times for homework – computer games can wait

Practise....practise....practise....
.does make it easier

DO YOUR BEST and TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK!

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Maths Homework Club

We will be running a Maths Homework Club during every week of the each school term.

It will be held in C11:

3.15 pm – 4.45 pm Tuesdays
(starting 3/2/09)

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Fridays
(starting 6/2/09)

Anyone is invited to join this club. Bring your questions and enthusiasm and we will help you out.

Remember, SOHCAHTOA for "trig" problems

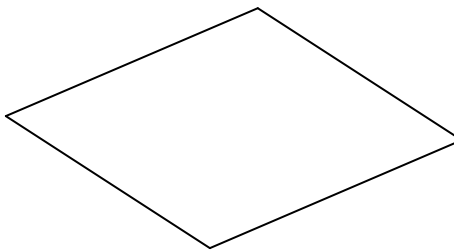
Examinations

A key part of students' learning at schools relates to being able to apply their knowledge in exam conditions. Exams should not be feared. They represent an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning in a controlled situation. The school will be running exams in Maths for all year levels in 2009 in order to refine students' skills in this key area. Your teachers will provide more details.

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Quiz

What type of solid, or three dimensional object can you make by taking this shape and folding it? You cannot create any new edges.



Send your answer to hughes.gary.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

A cube has six faces, all being squares of the same size

And remember.....
"Maths Matters"

STUDENT WELLBEING.

WELCOME BACK!

Hello to students of all levels, and their parents/guardians, who have joined our College community. A special greeting to our Year 7 students beginning their secondary education.

My name is ANNETTE FORD, I am your Student Welfare Coordinator.

My role is to support the students in their academic, social and emotional development: particularly when issues of a personal nature begin to affect the student's ability to cope or achieve as well as they would like.

As well as assisting students, families and guardians with immediate concerns should they arise, I also coordinate the provision of welfare in the school and facilitate programs such as Pastoral Care, Social Skills Development, Stress Management, Quit Smoking, Effective Parenting and many more, depending upon need.

The welfare team consists of:

Educational Psychologist –

Kerry Browne

Social Worker – Kate Monaco

Chaplain – Phil Brown

Adolescent Health Nurse –

Jodi Atkin

Youth Worker from Monash

Youth and Family Services –

Mick Hearn

If you would like to speak with any of the team please ring me at the school, I would be glad to hear from you.

Farewell

to **TAMARA MAGRATH**, our Adolescent Health Nurse.

The South Oakleigh College school community would like to thank Tamara for her work at our school. Her experience and knowledge benefitted many of our students and staff.

We wish Tamara success and happiness in her new school placement.

Regards, Staff and Student
Annette Ford

YEAR 12 DESTINATIONS 2008

The Class of 2008 has 'done us proud'!

Of the 80 students who applied for Tertiary places via VTAC, the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre, 78 received a first round offer.

In fact, 10 students received two offers each, one for a fee paying course and one for a Commonwealth Supported Place.

Twenty-eight students gained a place at University, while fifty received one or two offers for TAFE.

The courses cover a huge range of future careers:

Thirteen students chose either Accounting, Administration Advertising, International Banking or Human Resources, while three gained Arts and three will study Professional Writing.

Science, Computer Science, Electronics or Information Technology were popular with 23 students! Health Sciences, Nursing, Fitness, Sport Therapy, Human Movement, Myotherapy/Massage Naturopathy or Nutrition made up eighteen courses offered!

Building courses were chosen by six students, while four offers were made for Hospitality or Tourism, and four offers were given for Criminal Justice or Legal Practice.

Another four offers covered Children's Services, Early Childhood Education, Psychology and Education Prep to 12!

Biomedical Science, Media Communication and Make-up all had one offer, as did probably the most unusual course, Fire Technology.

If your mathematics is in fine form you will have calculated not 78, but 88 offers, and you are right!

The total includes two offers for ten students.

Several other students have either an Apprenticeship in Carpentry Refrigeration and Air Conditioning or in Plumbing or Motor Mechanics.

Another student gained direct entry to TAFE for a Fitness course.

The Second Round offers will come out on February the 5th, which may give students an alternative course.

Congratulations to all last year's Year 12 Students!!

I would like to offer The College's and my personal sincere thanks and hearty congratulations to Mrs Mascaro for her dedicated work, Course Counselling, Careers Breakfasts, Careers Expo's, VTAC Counselling, Work Experience and Work Placements for VCAL, Newsletter and College Year Book Articles and Publicity for the College via the Local Press.

Thanks to MAS for her speedy typing, expert E-mailing, Data Bases, impeccable records and her rigid observance of Health and Safety rules, over the last five years.

From 2003 she has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically for South Oakleigh College.

We wish Mrs Mascaro all the best as she embarks on a new career herself: Motherhood!!!

Jill Bryant
Careers

PAYMENT FOR EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

Students will be required to pay for all activities, such as camps, excursions, sports, etc at the Late Window, situated at the front entrance. Students will be issued with a receipt before they leave. During February, students will only be able to come to the 'Receipting/Late window' before school, recess, lunch and after school. We appreciate that the beginning of the year is a very busy time for payments and we welcome your patience at this time. Should parents wish to make payments, please feel free to do so at any time. From March students will only be able to pay for activities before school and at recess unless otherwise informed. Your assistance in this is greatly valued and appreciated. Should you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College on 9579 2322.

Vesna Pichen
Business manager

2009 COLLEGE CHARGES

College Council Curriculum Materials and Service Charges for Years 7 - 12 It should be noted that **all** funds received from College Council charges are spent directly on enhancing Curriculum delivery. Included in the Curriculum materials and Service Charges are internet access, Student Planner, locker levy, photocopied notes, College Year Book and consumables.

- Year 7 – 10 Curriculum Materials & Service Charge - \$230.00
- Year 7 – 12 Renewal of Equipment Charge - \$30
- Year 11 – 12 Curriculum Materials & Service Charge - \$103.00

Food Technology for students in Year 7 - \$65.00 and Year 8 - \$60

Students in Year 7 & 8 participate in Food Technology as part of their core curriculum. The College is able to purchase quality ingredients in bulk and at reduced prices

Food Technology for students in Year 9 (Elective) - \$70.00 per semester

The College will be supplying all Food Technology students with ingredients and workbooks. If students select this subject the amount is for a semester and is due and payable in advance.

Food Technology for students in Year 10 (Elective) - \$70 per semester

The College will be supplying all Food Technology students with ingredients and workbooks. If students select this subject the amount is for a semester and is due and payable in advance.

Subject Charges with a standard Levy of \$30 (per subject) for Year 11 -12 are:

Accounting, Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, Health & Human Development, History, Lote Greek and Japanese, Legal Studies, General Mathematics, Maths Methods, Further Maths, Physics and Psychology.

Subjects with an additional Levy:

Design and Technology Textiles	\$70.00	Studio Art (Art & Design)	\$100.00
Design and Technology Wood	\$80.00	Systems & Technology	\$ 70.00
English	\$35.00	Theatre Studies	\$ 60.00
English Literature	\$35.00	Visual Communication & Design	\$100.00
English as a Second Language	\$35.00	Food Technology	\$150.00
Information Technology	\$40.00	VCAL Year 11	\$154.00
Physical Education	\$50.00	VCAL Year 12	\$154.00
Curriculum Materials & Service Charges	\$103.00	Renewal of Equipment	\$ 30.00

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2009

Payment can be made in full by cheque, cash, or credit card. Forms are available at the Office.

or

Payment may also be made in 10 monthly installments (Feb – Nov) by cheque, cash, or credit card.

If you elect to pay by credit card, your payment will be deducted on the second Wednesday of each Month.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the College Charges please contact me at the College.

Vesna Pichen

Business Manager

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

To be eligible for receipt of 2009 EMA, the claimant must:

- be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centre link pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; **and**
- submit their application to the school by the due date

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28th January 2009) for the first installment and first day of Term 3 (13th July 2009) for the second installment.

Any applications based on Centre link payments that are not income tested are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above.

If you would like to discuss any matter relating to College charges please contact me at anytime.