

The Dragon

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Principals' Report

This final edition of The Dragon for 2012 includes important information about events and arrangements leading up to the end of the school year.

It also provides me with the opportunity to express my gratitude to the entire school community for the incredibly fulfilling year I have experienced while leading this College during 2011.

It was not my intention to be saying farewell after only one year but all of you will understand and appreciate the value of family and children in our lives. It is for this reason that I have made a very difficult career decision but a very easy personal decision.

I would like to acknowledge the support I have received from the entire School Council and particularly the President – Chris Barry. The School Council consists of parents, staff and community members that invest a great deal of their time as part of this group because they believe in the College and are keen to contribute their part to its development. The members I have met certainly fit that description.

I have enjoyed working with all the staff at the College, especially the Assistant Principals and Leading Teachers with whom I had the opportunity to work more closely. I have enjoyed listening to those teachers who have great stories to tell about their time here, some have achieved close to 40 years of service at this College. There is a great feeling of collegiality among staff and I can see the importance they place on that sense of community that is so important to the success of any school.

My interactions with students have been warm, friendly and mutually respectful. I will leave remembering the great qualities they have displayed throughout the year. I have always insisted that the true measure of a great school is to see the type of people the Year 12 students have become after they complete their secondary school journey and prepare for adulthood. The 2011 Year 12 Graduation highlighted the large number of young people graduating from our College that display the important qualities that will help them succeed in life. I wish them and all the students of Bairnsdale Secondary College the best of luck in 2012 and beyond.

I look forward to hearing about the great things that will be happening at the College in the years to come and will be proud to say that I was once part of that school community, albeit for a brief time.

Term Dates for Students in 2012

Term 1	Thursday, February 2 – Friday, March 30 (Teachers begin Wednesday, February 1)
Term 2	Monday, April 16 – Friday, June 29
Term 3	Monday, July 16 – Friday, September 21
Term 4	Monday, 8 October – Friday, 21 December

Bairnsdale Secondary College - Student-Free Days 2012

Day 1	Wednesday, February 1 (state-wide student-free day)
Day 2	Tuesday, March 13
Day 3	Friday, June 8
Day 4	Wednesday, August 22

College Council Vacancies

School Councils play a vital role in the educational opportunity and outcomes of all students at the school. In essence, the role of school council is one of setting the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school's operation. Three of the critical roles of school councils are; participating in the development of the strategic plan, approving the annual budget and developing, reviewing and updating policies.

The College Council of Bairnsdale Secondary College would like to invite expressions of interest from the school community to fill one vacancy that currently exists. The category we seek to fill is:

Parent - parents have such an important part to play in schools. Parent members must comprise more than one-third of Council's total membership.

If you feel that you would like to contribute to the College by becoming a part of the College Council, please send your expression of interest addressed to the "School Council President" via letter or email: bairnsdale.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Steve Charisis
College Principal

PRESENTATION NIGHT AND REPORTS

The 2011 Presentation Night will be on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7.00pm in the Forge Theatre.

This year, the reports will not be given out at Presentation Night.

Students in Years 7 - 9 will be given their Semester 2 reports and a copy of the school magazine during the last day of classes on Monday, December 19, 2011.

It is therefore very important that all students in Years 7 - 9 attend classes on the last Monday of the term.

Students in Years 10 - 11 will have their reports sent home via mail. Any student wishing to pick up a copy of the school magazine may go to the Junior Campus office from Monday, December 19, 2011.

BOOK COLLECTION DAYS - REMINDER

VCE BOOK COLLECTION DAY

Friday, December 16, 2011 in the Senior Conference Room between 7.30am - 4.00pm.

YEARS 7 - 10 BOOK COLLECTION DAYS

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 between 12.00noon - 6.00pm
Wednesday, January 25, 2012 between 7.30am - 1.00pm in Boucher Hall.

SCHOOL START BONUS (SSB) / EMA APPLICATIONS

Please submit your School Start Bonus (SSB) and EMA Application forms, as soon as possible to either office on Junior or Senior campus.

For further information contact Tracey Rendell or Pearl Leyshan on 5150 4802 at the College.

KEY DATES

2011

December 16	Book Collection Day (VCE)
December 19	Final day of timetabled classes (Years 7 - 9)
December 20	Presentation Evening (Forge Theatre)
December 20 - 21	Alternative Key Learning Area based program will be running (Years 7 - 9)
December 21	Last day of school for students Buses will run at normal dismissal times
December 22	Buses will not be running
December 22	Offices Close at 11.00am On both the Junior and Senior Campuses
December 22	Swing Band Performance (RSL Bairnsdale)

School Term Dates - 2011

Term 4	October 10 to December 22
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2012

January 24 - 25	Book Collection Days (Years 7 - 10)
January 30	Offices Reopen at 8.00am On both the Junior and Senior Campuses
February 1	Student Free Day
February 7	School Photos (Years 7 - 9)
February 8	School Photos (Years 10 - 12)
March 27	Immunizations (Years 7 and 10)
May 8	Immunizations (Year 7 Girls)
May 9	Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Visit
September 11	Immunizations (Year 7 Boys and Girls)

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