Term Dates 2014

Term 1 - 28 January to 4 April
Term 2 - 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 - 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 - 6 October to 19 December

MULTIMATERIALS ELECTIVE

Our Year 7 and 8 students have had full use of our new Multi Materials classroom. Guided by Mr. Schubert, students will experience working with a range of materials from timber, to plastics and sheet metal.
CODES OF EXPECTATION

At the Prep – Year 8 assembly on Monday I reminded students of the non-negotiable behaviours that are core expectations if they wish to be members of the Boronia K-12 College community. Our senior students will also be reminded of these. Similar non-negotiable behaviours for staff and parents have also been developed which are published below. Building a culture for a new College is an ongoing process and is not developed over night. We all have responsibilities to support one another as we develop, communicate and reinforce College policies that are critical to the development of our new College and the culture that underpins it.

Boronia K-12 College STUDENTS have developed the following non-negotiable behaviours to operate within the College:

- We are honest, courteous and treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves.
- We abide by College policies and take responsibility for our actions
- We treat our environment with respect, pride and care.
- We actively listen, care and support one another and will not tolerate bullying and racism in any form.

Boronia K-12 College PARENTS have developed the following non-negotiable behaviours to operate within the College:

- We treat others with respect, understanding, compassion, honesty and tolerance.
- We respect the rights of others to hold points of view different to our own in a non-critical or judgmental manner.
- Through a positive attitude, we work co-operatively with the College to resolve problems, noting the responsibility of both parties to act with fairness and consistency when issues arise.

Boronia K-12 College STAFF have developed the following non-negotiable behaviours to operate within the College:

- We treat others with care, courtesy, cooperation, honesty, tolerance and non-discriminatory behaviour.
- We act with professionalism at all times with respect to our actions, appearance, comments and performance as reflected by VIT Standards.
- We demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to our teaching programs, teams and College.
- Through a positive attitude, we instil a sense of pride, passion and fun to our work.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Many thanks to the vast majority of parents who have been supportive of my requests in regards to reparking and dropping / collecting their children from school. We still have a small number of parents who are still parking in the two minute drop off zone and leaving their vehicle there, as well as some who are not using the school crossing when crossing the road with their children. Both of these practices cause great frustration for other parents and create a dangerous situation for our students and parents walking into the yard as other cars have to manoeuvre around the parked vehicles. I remind all parents that the Council By Laws officer is active and has been made aware of this situation. The last thing we want is for parents to be booked but everyone must abide by the designated traffic restrictions.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to everyone for their active involvement with our Years 3 – 12 Swimming Carnival held last week. It was clear that everyone present had a great deal of fun and this was the first occasion students were placed in their new houses. Particular congratulations to Mrs McMillan who did a great deal of work with the organisation of this event. Like all such days, there were aspects that worked very well but also areas that we need to improve. We have already conducted a review of the day and many thanks to those parents who provided feedback as well. This feedback has been taken on board for future planning. At the present time we have a sub-committee looking at ways we can build a vibrant house competition that covers a range of areas, including sport.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT GUIDELINES

New Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidance will come into effect on 1 March 2014. The web-based Guidance has been developed to support Principals to maintain safe, positive learning environments and fulfil their responsibilities under Ministerial Order 625: Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion. An information sheet to inform parents of the changes appears below:

Fact sheet for parents and carers – new suspension and expulsion procedures

Every member of a school community has the right to feel safe at school. As a parent or carer you should be confident that you are sending your child into a safe and supportive learning environment.

Suspension and expulsion are serious disciplinary measures and should be used as a last resort in managing a student’s behaviour.

As of 1 March 2014 changes have been made to how suspension and expulsion processes work in government.
The grounds for suspension and expulsion have also been updated to better enable Principals to prevent and respond to behavioural incidents that may compromise the health, wellbeing and safety of staff and students. The grounds for suspension and expulsion can be found at:


The relevant person – ensuring students are supported

It is important that every student has a person to support and advocate for them throughout a suspension or expulsion process. The new guidance on suspensions and expulsions has introduced the concept of a relevant person, which is the adult who will play this important support role.

In most cases a student’s relevant person will be their parent or carer. However, you as the parent or carer can also nominate another responsible adult to act as relevant person if you cannot, for whatever reason, take on this role yourself.

The role of the relevant person does not replace your role as parent or carer with regard to responsibility for decision-making about your child’s education, and for their enrolment and attendance at school. Rather, it has been introduced in recognition of the fact that students come from diverse family backgrounds and that a parent or carer may not always be able to act as a support person for their child.

The principal will speak to you about who this person will be.

The suitable persons list

In some cases, a parent or carer may be unable to act as the relevant person for their child during a suspension or expulsion process, and may also be unable to nominate another adult to fulfil this role.

In these situations the school Principal will appoint a person from the ‘suitable persons list’ to act as the student’s relevant person. The suitable persons list is a register of departmental employees with relevant welfare expertise, experience and training.

This is to ensure that every student has somebody to support and advocate for them.

Meetings with the school principal – the behaviour review conference

A Principal is required to hold a meeting, called a behaviour review conference, when an expulsion is being considered for a student. The student and their relevant person must be invited to this meeting to discuss the student’s behaviour and possible consequences and strategies to address the behaviour.

The relevant person can also request a meeting with the principal at any point during an expulsion process if they have any concerns.

The relevant person – whether parent, carer or another adult – may bring an independent support person to any school meeting as long as they are not acting for fee or reward.

When suspending a student, Principals are not required to hold a meeting with the student and relevant person either before or after the suspension, but the relevant person can request a meeting with the school Principal at any point during the suspension process if they wish to discuss any concerns.

If you are unable to resolve your concerns with the school principal, you can contact the relevant department regional office to discuss further. To contact your closest region office see: Contact Us

Expulsion appeals

A student who has been expelled has the right to appeal their expulsion the relevant person may exercise this right on their behalf, taking into consideration the student’s views and best interests.

The school must provide every expelled student an appeal form along with the Notice of Expulsion.

More information

For more information on suspension and expulsion processes, see:

FAQs for parents:


Procedures following suspension brochure:

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Procedures following expulsion brochure:

(link)

Disciplinary Measures section of the Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidance:


SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus is a ten month program that can assist you to save for your own or your children’s education. Participants receive:

- One dollar in matched funds for every dollar you save, up to $500!
- Money Minded financial workshops
- Personal support and guidance from a trusted community organisation.

At the end of the program you can use your matched funds to purchase education related items, such as a computer, laptop, school camps/excursions, textbooks, uniforms and many other expenses are also eligible such as music or sports.

To be eligible to participate in SaverPlus you must:

- Be 18 years or over;
- Be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or
- Be attending or returning to vocational training yourself;
Chaplain’s Spot

Random Acts of Kindness Week

International Random Acts of Kindness Week was February 10-16, 2014. Even though this date has now passed, take some time to step out of your normal routine or comfort zone and attempt a new random act of kindness in the coming week.

1. Smile at 10 strangers.
2. Eat lunch with someone new.
3. Say “I love you” or give someone a special hug.
4. Send a positive message or do something kind for someone.
5. Donate unwanted items to a charity.
6. Be generous with compliments.
7. Write a poem for someone special.
8. Read to a child or lonely aged person.
9. Thank someone who serves you in a shop.
10. Make some muffins for the neighbours.

The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation is an internationally recognized non-profit organization founded upon the powerful belief in kindness and dedicated to providing resources and tools that encourage acts of kindness.

I am sure each of us could think of some more kind acts to share with others. Our attitude can be a huge influence on how we see life, whether we say the world owes us, or whether we look at what we can do for others. There is nothing so rewarding as investing in the lives of others, whether they be our own children or other people. Go for it! Be creative!

Alan Silverwood
Chaplain
silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- excursions and camps
- laptops and notebooks
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program, supporting over 20,000 people to build their financial confidence since 2003.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Simon Mansfield, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 9239 1458 / 0434 314 633 or smansfield@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ARCO and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered to Monash University, Monash University and the tertiary campuses by Berry Street. The program is funded by ARCO and the Australian Government.

The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.

Junior Rockers

At the current time, the College does not offer instrumental music lessons for Year 6 and below. In place of this, the school supports the Junior Rockers program.

You can choose private lessons ($27/lesson) or shared lessons ($20/lesson). Shared lessons have a maximum of 2 students and hire and purchase instruments are also available through Junior Rockers.

For more information or to apply for lessons go to: www.juniorrockers.com/apply or call 1300 46 7625.
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY, 2014

NO ASSEMBLY AT RANGEVIEW CAMPUS THIS MONDAY DUE TO PHOTOS
PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN AT BOTH CAMPUSES ON MONDAY
(With the exception for Year 7 students on camp)

ORDERING PROCESS

School Pix provide a secure online ordering system which needs to be completed prior to photo day. Alternatively, the completed order form should be returned on photo day. Please note that the school office or classroom teachers will not be processing orders. See further details below.

No change will be available at the General Office (either Campus), please ensure, if you are using the order form, that the order form is completed and place the form and correct money into a sealed envelope with your child's name on it.

- Full summer uniform is required as per the school uniform guidelines
- Hair is to be neat and NO make-up is to be worn. Jewellery is to be kept to a minimum.
- School shoes should be worn as per the uniform guidelines

IMPORTANT – SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN AT RANGEVIEW CAMPUS 9.00AM

Sibling Photographs that include students attending both Rangeview and Mount View campus will be taken at Rangeview Campus at 9.00am. Any Mount View Campus student to be included in these photographs should attend Rangeview Campus (Middle Years Learning Centre) at the start of the day. Parents need to make arrangements for the transportation of these students to Mount View Campus after the sibling photographs. Rangeview Campus siblings are also to report to the Middle Years Learning Centre at 9.00am.

Please note that Year 7 Photographs and sibling photographs which are to include a Year 7 student will be taken on FRIDAY 7 MARCH.

Years 5 and 6 students will have individual photographs taken on Monday but will have class photographs taken on Friday 7 March.

End of 2013 VCE and VET Results

At the end of last year we were able to sit back and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that our senior students were rewarded for their hard work with some very fine results.

Although we had a small cohort, students and their teachers put in a solid effort and we are proud to share the following:

- Our VCE mean study score was equal to that of Wantirna College and Upwey Secondary College, making these three schools the highest in the Knox and Dandenong Ranges Networks
- We had 100% satisfactory completion rate in VCE
- Our percentage of scores over 40 is 1.9%, comparing very favourably with the network schools

These results are fabulous and while we continually strive to improve, we must congratulate our students, teachers and parents on these results, as it is the three-way partnership that is so effective in ensuring that each student’s outcomes are as good as they can possibly be.
What's on in VCAL

The intermediate and senior students are seeking or finalising the paperwork to commence their work placements for this year. Mr Knowles has been working closely with them, including some foundation students and it looks like there’s a diverse and exciting year of work placement ahead. In WRS, students have completed their safe@work certificates which are necessary to undertake work placement and students are also beginning their Workplace Investigation projects.

In PDS, both classes have been investigating and testing various aspects of their personalities and skills – identifying strengths and weaknesses in order to develop their personal learning goals for the year. There have also been preliminary discussions about the community projects they will shortly undertake.

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My job as Chief Timekeeper/Judge was made so much easier by the capable assistance of a couple of students – Daniel 10V and Jas 12V. They both did a fantastic job of helping pick the placings at the end of each race as well as timing the winners – Daniel in particular, was exceptional and enthusiastically worked well beyond what was required for the task. It’s great to see such a sense of community displayed by our students.

Student of the Week Awards

Week 2: Hailey 11V

In class, Hailey has been enthusiastic and hard-working and has completed all work tasks and homework to a high standard. She has perfect attendance and is working well as the only girl in a small class at her VET Building and Construction course on Wednesdays.

Hailey helps others in her classes and contributes greatly to extra-curricular activities.

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Congratulations Hailey!

John Gove
VCAL Coordinator

Many of our students undertake a VET Study (Vocational Education and Training) concurrently with their VCE or VCAL pathway, and Boronia K-12 College students continue to shine in these subjects.

Three of our students (Nyomie, Jacob and Stephen) came top in their subject, and two students (Amelia and Cameron) were in the top three. These subjects are attended by students from over forty different schools in the Mullum Cluster, so this is a huge achievement and we heartily congratulate those students.

Year 10 WOW Program

The Year 10 WOW (World of Work) Program for Year 10 students will take place towards the end of Term Three, and parents of these students will receive information in the next few weeks about the program, and the knowledge and skills their children will gain from being a participant. We will hold a parent information evening early in Term Two regarding the program, so watch for this in future newsletters.

Judy Triffett
Mount View Campus Principal

Kate Harnetty
Rangeview Campus Principal

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Music News

Boronia K-12 College Instrumental Program
We are excited to announce that the Instrumental Music Program has been launched at Rangeview Campus this week. Individual and small group lessons on Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drumkit, Piano and Voice are available to Year 7 to 12 students. Many students across the College will have received their first lessons this week, with vocal students beginning next Monday. This is an excellent opportunity to receive quality lessons for a small yearly fee compared to outside school lesson rates. The yearly fee for the program is $180 per student, which includes all lessons and band rehearsals. All our teachers are fully qualified and specialists on their instruments.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the front office or please contact Jenny Royle (Instrumental Music Coordinator) for more information.

Boronia K-12 College Street Beats Program
Street Beats is a fantastic music program for students at the Rangeview Campus from Years 5 - 8. If you like to play rhythms and learn about different percussion instruments from around the world, then give Street Beats a go! Street Beats is directed by our percussion teacher, Nick Adams every Friday. Street Beats runs for 30 minutes each week and has a rotating schedule during the school day. A participation fee of $40 applies per student. This includes all performances, rehearsals and small group lessons. If you would like to know more, please contact Jenny Royle (Instrumental Music Coordinator) or collect an enrolment form from the front office.

Prep - 6 Music Program
Welcome everyone to Prep - 6 music for 2014. We have had a great start to the year. The students are currently learning about BEAT in music, especially related to their own favourite songs at the moment. We are also looking at PATTERNS in music, anything from instrument or vocal patterns, to intro/verse/chorus/bridge patterns.

This Term’s end of term concert will be a BRIGHT LIGHTS concert, which will be held on WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL, from 9.30 to 11.00am.

Auditions for this concert will begin next week for interested Prep to Year 8 students.

Our regular Term 1 Special Visitors Day concert will now be held later in the year once the building works have been completed.

Business Manager’s Report

Office Hours
The General Office at both campuses is open during the school week from Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 4.30pm.

The school email: boronia.k12@edumail.vic.gov.au

A new telephone system was installed for the start of the year and the College telephone number across both campuses is 9760 4900

EMA Applications
Please note that EMA Applications, for the first instalment close on 28 February, 2014.

To be eligible for EMA you must be the beneficiary of a Centrelink Pension, be a Veteran Affairs Pensioner or a foster parent. Your concession card must be valid on 28 January 2014.

EMA is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age who are enrolled at a Government or non-Government School on census day, 28 February 2014.

Please fill out the application at the office at either Campus on or before 28 February 2014 if you are eligible and have not yet applied.

Maria Jansen
Business Manager
Year 7 Master Chef Group Bake-off
Whole College Swimming Carnival

Thursday 13 February, Years 3 – 12 enjoyed the College Swimming Carnival at Croydon Memorial Pool. It was a fantastic day with terrific participation from all year levels across both campuses with competitive swimming taking place in the big pool and novelty events in the small pool. From freestyle to cork scramble, to the cheering from the crowd, there were smiles on all faces. The teamwork and sportsmanship between year levels was a wonderful spectacle.

Thank you to all students who attended and joined in the fun, and good luck to all secondary students who made it through to the next stage of competition. You will receive more information in the upcoming week or so regarding the division swimming carnival.

Thank you to all staff who helped (both at the pool and back at the College). A few special mentions to Tim Knowles and Olivia Karpathiou for taking care of the scoring system all day, Jackie and team for running some terrific novelty events, and Rhonda McMillian for her fantastic organisation of the whole day.

We look forward to many more fantastic whole college sport days during the remainder of the year, including Cross Country coming up at the end of this Term.

Lunch Time Games

Last week we began Lunch Time Games at the Rangeview Campus, taking place in the gym and on the lower basketball courts. The student numbers were tremendous, and it was great to see new students mingling with students who have been at Boronia K – 12 College in previous years, as well as different year levels working together and showing care and co-operation for one another.

A future timetable of days will be published each week, so students who want to get involved and will know to wear the correct attire so they are able to participate. Below is a tentative time table for lunch time games:

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Remember; if you would like to get involved please bring your:

P.E UNIFORM
CORRECT FOOTWEAR (NO BLACK MARKING SHOES)
DRINK BOTTLE
HAT FOR OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Swim Trials

Over the past two weeks, a group of determined swimmers have been completing swimming trials and training in the early morning at Knox Leisureworks. Nine students from Grades 3 – 6 have qualified to represent Boronia K – 12 College at the Bayswater District Primary School Swimming Carnival. The carnival will be held on Friday 21 February at Croydon Memorial Pool. We wish the best of luck to the following students:

Gabby 3/4 B, Gabby 3/4 A, Kirra 3/4 A, Edward 5/6 C, Jacob 5/6 C, Levi 5/6 D, Jordyn 5/6 B, Georgia 5/6 D, and Liam 5/6 A. Give it your best shot, we can’t wait to hear about your fantastic results!!
UNIFORM REMINDER

Students are expected to wear their FULL PE/SPORT uniform only on days they are timetabled to have PE or SPORT. Our Middle and Senior Year students may bring a change of uniform and consider applying antiperspirant/deodorant (non-aerosol) to freshen up after class. Appropriate and supportive sporting footwear is essential. Lace up or Velcro, non-marking runners are required for all PE/Sport classes. NO slip on/elastic or hard shoes permitted. Contact PE staff if you have any concerns.

UPCOMING SPORT DATES:

21 Feb Primary District Swimming
24 Feb Senior (11/12) Volleyball/Tennis
25 Feb Intermediate (9-10) Cricket
5 March Year 8 Cricket
11 March Secondary District Swimming
12 March Year 7 cricket
19 March Intermediate (9/10) Sport Round Robin *
21 March Primary winter sport (5/6) - Round 1
24 March Year 8 Sport Round Robin *
31 March Year 7 Sport Round Robin *

Prep -12 College Cross Country, yet to be confirmed.

*Volleyball, Tennis, Softball/Baseball

Any parents interested in assisting with sport in some way this year PLEASE contact Rhonda McMillan or Mitchell Stone via phone or College email (ATTN: Sport Co-ordinators)
Mini Winter Olympics

On Tuesday 12 February Year 1 and 2 students participated in our Mini Winter Olympics. Each class had a great session competing in various events such as the ‘Ice and Spoon Race’, ‘Water Slalom’, and ‘Snowball Throw’. It was a great day with all students showing a great effort, sportsmanship and encouragement. Well done everyone!
Year 3 - 12 Swimming Carnival
Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
School Council Election

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Boronia K-12 College.
Nomination forms may be obtained from the General Office at both Campuses and must be lodged by **4.00 pm on Monday 24 February, 2014.**

If required, a ballot will be called for and close at **4.00 pm on Friday 7 March, 2014.**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

_Ross Bevege_

_Executive Principal_

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE**

_Name of the School:_ Boronia K-12 College

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