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UPCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 6
March

TERM 1, 2017

LAST DAY FOR
STUDENTS
FRIDAY 7
APRIL

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING TIMES

The uniform shop is open **Tuesdays** 8am-11am

EFTPOS

payments available.

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Uniforms - Card Payments will incur a cost of 2% on top of your purchase

For enquiries please send **text only** (to ensure your query is answered) to 0420 857 043

Thank you

Yvonne Caldwell
Uniform
Coordinator

Principal's Message

Welcome back years 8-12 and a very warm welcome to our new students- we have many Year 7 students enrolled this year. We also have a considerable number of new students in other years and to all our new students, and on behalf of Kiara College, I wish you all the best for your time at our wonderful school.

I'd like to say a few words for the benefit of our senior students.

Year 12 students, you have a very full year, which, mark my words, will end very quickly. Practically speaking, you only have 3 terms. Year 12 is not the year to be disorganised about tasks that are due and tests that need to be set. ATAR students, I think I have told all of you by now, but will remind you all again, 3 hours of home study a night is what the brightest minds in schools around WA do each night in Y12.

Year 11 students, you are embarking on a big change in your educational journey. Many of you are attending TAFE or about to commence traineeships or beginning Workplace Learning and these type of opportunities mean 1 or 2 days a week out of school. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that you will need to be organised so as to keep up with work missed when you're out of the school.

ATAR students, welcome to 2.5h a night study. Just like the 12s in ATAR, you are no longer compared to other students at school, but instead all students across the state.

To all our wonderful senior school students I wish you a very productive year and remind you to seek help from teachers whenever you are confused or need guidance or advice.

For senior school students, there's a 4 letter acronym that haunts many of you. It's called O.L.N.A. Make no mistake, this literacy and numeracy requirement is a required hurdle for students attempting to obtain their WACE. We have many experienced staff and many different strategies for students to prepare for O.L.N.A or work on their literacy and numeracy so please be proactive and asking your teachers how we can help.

Year 10 students. This year you face some big decisions about your future directions. In semester 2 you begin the process of identifying courses of study in senior school. If you get the chance, take a moment to think about yourself and what makes you happy. My only advice now, do what makes you happy so pursue a future in something you'll love waking up to do just about every day.

To something positive, and my last point, I have been very pleased at the number of

conversations I've had in the community about how well behaved and respectable our students are. From people stopping at the front of the school, to phone calls, to remarks made by parents in the carpark, so many people have complimented our school on the wonderful students we have and how they conduct themselves publicly. This is a compliment to you the students! You are fantastic young people and the world outside our school sees it.

Richard Kardol



On the 3rd of March all year 12 English ATAR students will experience a magnificent evening under the stars at the Somerville Auditorium as part of PIAF (Perth International Arts Festival) film festival. Held every year since 1927 on the grounds of UWA it is an unique experience. They will sit under mature pines and view 'Handsome Devil', a Scottish film that explores unlikely friendships and how worlds collide when you simply do not follow the rules. Students will be encouraged to bring a picnic supper (and a comfy pillow – those old seats are hard) and simply enjoy what will hopefully be one of Perth's balmy summer evenings. They will be accompanied by Mrs Joh Rafferty and Ms Fiona Huband, both long serving members of the English Department. If any parents are interested in attending either this film or others then please visit the link below for further information.

<https://perthfestival.com.au/lotterywest-festival-films/?gclid=CiHMo7fajtICFYoJvAodXf0JGA&gclsrc=aw.ds>

CONTRIBUTIONS, CHARGES AND SUBSIDIES

Thank you to all the families who have paid their 2017 accounts or have set up a regular payment plan.

Amended Accounts will be sent to families next week for students who have made subject changes.

If you are a holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card you are entitled to apply for Education Program Allowance. This subsidy will credit your account with \$235 that is applied to Subject Contributions in Years 7-10 and Subject Charges in Years 11 & 12. A uniform allowance of \$115 is also part of the subsidy and you can assign this to your account, or have the money paid direct to

you. To apply, please see the ladies in the Front Office, you must have your Health Care Card with you. **Applications close Friday 7 April 2017.**

If you are eligible for Abstudy, you can make your application via Centrelink.

Year 12 Ball – a number of students have taken up the option of paying off their ball ticket(s) e.g. \$20 per week. We welcome anyone who would like to do this.

Should you wish to arrange a payment plan for your child's account, pay for the account or ball, apply for a subsidy please do not hesitate to see our friendly front office staff.

STUDENT ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Parents/Carers are reminded that, under the **School Education Act 1999**, notes explaining student absences are required within 3 school days from the start of the absence.

Medical Certificates are required for prolonged absences due to sickness or injury.

Following absences, please send notes to your student's form teacher or email direct to Mrs McNaught –

Maureen.Mcnaught@education.wa.edu.au

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