ORIENTATION DAY

We all know the feeling of moving into a new house. It brings a sense of anticipation, renewal and promise. But what sort of home will it make? That’s the feeling right now at Albert Park College. The building works are almost complete; the fit-out continues; a new truck rolls up every day; the curriculum has been chosen; the teachers are getting ready. All we need now to transform our buildings into a school are our students and families.

That moment arrives when we host Orientation Day on Tuesday 7 December. It will be the first occasion for the community to see our school from the inside, get a real sense of the place and meet its equally excited teachers and staff. The day has two parts.

Orientation Day: 11:00am-3:00pm. Parents should arrive with students at 10:50am for an 11:00am start. Students will meet their teachers and students to begin friendships, get a sense of the school’s shared endeavour and purpose, and start building our new team.

Fun orientation activities will help the students get to know their new school, including school sports through our basketball academy.

And students will also sit important EduTest tests in English and Mathematics to provide benchmark data that will help the school,
parents and teachers plan lessons and plot progress over the coming years.

Parents may stay for the initial proceedings and are asked to pick up their children at 3:00pm.

**Orientation Evening: 7:00pm-8:30pm.** Families should arrive just before 7:00pm, when they will be shown through the school by the students. There will then be an event featuring presentations by the Principal, Steve Cook; the head of our Basketball Academy, Andrew Gaze; and a representative of Apple Australia, Kevin Rodrigo, who will give parents a demonstration of the school’s exciting new technology platform, the iPad.

Families will also get to see our sharp new uniform, as well as hear details of fitting times and how they can purchase the uniform.

Detailed information will be provided about levies, books, iPad purchases, subjects, electives and first-term activities.

The evening will end with wine, cheese and light refreshments to celebrate the opening of the school and the launch of our parents and friends association – APC Families.

**The school reception**

The school reception, located on the ground floor near the main entrance, is now open for business. So please direct any inquiries to it. Visit or phone on: 8695 9000.

**Our new school council**

Our interim school council is being finalized. It currently consists of the Principal, the Assistant Principal and five parent representatives. These will be joined by two community representatives later. We are now looking for a sixth parent to fill the final vacancy, so if you think you can help, please approach me or the school office to express your interest.

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**APC Families**

APC Families has held its first event – a weekend retreat in Healesville that was attended by 25 families and visited by the Principal and Assistant-Principal. A great time was had getting to know everyone around the campfire and BBQ. It was a terrific start to APC Families which will have a crucial role to play in building our school. Please get involved by completing the attached form.

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**Steve Cook, Foundation Principal**

If you would like further information or to be included on our mailing list, please contact Tania Scaramuzzino on scaramuzzino.tania.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or 8695 9000 www.albertparkcollege.vic.gov.au