IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 17th December 2010
Reception closes 12pm

Thursday 27th January 2011
Reception opens 9am – 4pm

Friday 4th February 2011
Students commence school 8.50am

Monday 7th February 2011
Student School Photos

School uniform collection dates
Tuesday 1st February 12-8pm
Wednesday 2nd February 9-12pm

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The first orientation day of a new school is always going to be a special occasion and there was a palpable air of excitement as 150 new students filed into our luxurious new Drama space.

Expectant parents lined the room as we welcomed the first intake of Year 7 students to the new Albert Park College. It was a day that balanced intensive study with an air of expectation as students explored the new school and started to build new friendships. It was also an opportunity to meet the new staff who impressed everyone with their enthusiasm and commitment to the new school.

The highlight of the evening session was seeing all of our school community together for the first time. Albert Park College families exploring the new school together and mingling with the newly appointed teaching staff.

Kevin Rodrigo outlined Apple’s long-term commitment to Albert Park College. Andrew Gaze, our school Ambassador, spoke about the “climate of greatness” he wanted to be part of in the new school.
Dominic Grounds, our interim School Council President, struck a chord with many in the room when he highlighted the need for parents to stay involved and committed to their child’s secondary education.

There was certainly a mood of celebration that lingered well into the hot and humid evening. On behalf of the teaching team I want to thank everyone who contributed to its success.

Where to now? There was a lot of information to absorb in one night so we have highlighted the key things that you need to do before the end of the school year to ensure that your child has a smooth transition into secondary school.

iPad rental or purchase. We have offered parents three options: to bring your own, to purchase from the school or to rent the iPad. All three options are carefully explained in the attached iPad summary document.

The critical thing we need to know is which option you have chosen. If you have not already done so please fill in the attached form so we can make sure every student will begin the year with an iPad. It will transform their learning.

Year 7 booklist. The booklist can be accessed at www.campion.com.au. All details regarding ordering, cost and delivery are available at this site. Booklist orders must be placed online by Tuesday 21st December. SEAL students do not require a Science textbook. Please note that we have reduced the overall cost of the booklist by approximately $300.00 to accommodate the purchase or lease of the iPad.

The school uniform. The school uniform is compulsory and we expect all students to be wearing the uniform on the first day of school, including the distinctive school blazer. Let’s display pride in our new school. The school uniform policy is attached.

The school uniform shop will be open for fittings for the first three days this week.

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Electives. All Sport and Create elective were due last Friday and have been processed. If you have not completed the forms there is still an opportunity to do so, please ensure they are completed by Wednesday the 15th of December. The elective forms are attached.

The Basketball Academy. There has been a lot of interest in the APC Basketball Academy. Please note that there is a fee attached to this program and that no student can take part in the program unless this fee has been paid. If you have selected this as a sport elective and do not wish to pay the fee then your child will simply move to the next option that they have chosen for sport. The application form is attached and must be returned by Wednesday 15th of December.
**Instrumental Music.** Many parents have indicated that they want to be part of the Instrumental music program and we are pleased to be able to now offer violin and cello as part of the program. These instruments have now been added to the application form which is attached.

**Parent Contributions.** Parent Contributions play an important role in our ability to offer a wide range of innovative and exciting programs at the school. The parent contribution form is attached.

**Key dates.** Reception will close at 12.00pm on Friday 17th of December and reopen on Thursday 27th of January. We are looking forward to a bright start next year.

I know that the start up costs of school can seem overwhelming for some families so we have put in place a support package that may appeal to some families including a payment plan. Simply contact the school and we will organize a confidential one to one meeting to outline the support that we can provide.

Remember that our friendly office staff Tania, Pam and Lisa are always available to answer any questions you may have so do not hesitate to call, e-mail or drop in to the reception area for further information.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and safe holiday,

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*Steve Cook, Foundation Principal*

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If you would like further information or to be included on our mailing list, please contact Tania Scaramozzino on scaramozzino.tania.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or 03 8695 9000

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