PRINCIPAL’S SAY

WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 2012

Few schools double their population after just one year, but that’s what APC has just done, as more than 160 Year 7 students along with new teachers and support staff have just joined our Year 8’s to continue the building of our school community. They have been welcomed most warmly, including through a great mentoring system.

The new intake has brought with it more vibrancy, energy and atmosphere as they populate the empty spaces in our fantastic school buildings and grounds. The noise is higher, the echoes lower.

This new Year 7 too will put its stamp on the school’s evolution, adding to the ethos established by our founding intake. But it is clear that in the space of just a single year our founding student year has established a strong school culture that is being continued: respect for teachers, a culture of excellence, strong values, leadership skills, and a wildly enthusiastic embrace of new learning technologies.

This is shown in the popularity and expansion of our signature school programs. Last year 70 of our intake joined our instrumental music program. This year the figure is 107. With almost 180 students - over half our student body - learning musical instruments we are destined to become a leading musical and creative school.

The discipline, the sense of standards, the respect for culture, and the creativity that mastering a musical instrument instills will play a big part in the future of our school. It’s a similar story for the Andrew Gaze Basketball Academy, which has expanded from 26 to 72 young basketball players this year. Competitiveness, teamwork, leadership, health and fun - that’s what it’s all about.

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Of course new students mean new parents and families, and I have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the Year 7 parents, many of whom have lined up to get involved. Our induction evening was a major success. I understand our second annual parents’ and students’ camp was a big hit also. It’s clear that in just one year APC has established quite a reputation as an emerging school and parents are determined to make the most of the opportunities it offers their children by getting involved themselves,

Of course none of this would be possible without the great work of our teachers, who were on hand well before the start of the school year to get the place looking ship shape and to engage in the necessary planning to transmit the school’s high teaching standards to the new students.

Our school won’t be filled for some years yet, but after seeing the successful start made by the class of 2012 I’m even more confident that every year, every new intake will be entering a place with the right learning culture to ensure its academic success.

2012 APC ART SHOW

Calling for volunteers/helpers and sponsors to contribute to the APC Art show being held in October.

If you can assist or would like to sponsor please contact Trudy Rice on apcollegeartshow@gmail.com

Winner of the Best Oil Painting 2011
Geometric Fog by Leah Mariani
YEAR IN REVIEW
Take a look at our round up of 2011 - click here.

APC FAMILIES’ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 6TH MARCH
The APC Families AGM is on Tuesday 6th March at 7pm, where the new committee will be elected. You can simply join the Committee, or you can fill one of the leadership roles:

President | Vice-President | Secretary | Treasurer

Parents and carers of both Year 7 and Year 8 students are eligible to nominate, and warmly encouraged to do so.

Please contact Cameron Rider, Secretary by email rider@netspace.net.au to obtain a nomination form.
STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and Carers are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

• Parents/Carers are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs; and

• reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

SECONDARY SCHOOL IMMUNISATION

Information for Parents

Immunisation will be held at the College on Thursday 15th March for Year 7 boys and girls.

Consent forms have been issued to all Year 7 students and need to be returned to the College by Thursday 1st March, 2012.

The Department of Health immunisation website has a fact sheet available at:

WotOPERA

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Music at APC is off to yet another exhilarating start to the year with over 180 students indicating an interest in undertaking instrumental in 2012. Many new musical instruments and resources have been purchased and additional music staffing have been engaged. Instrumental lessons are underway, groups allocated and term timetables are now being given out. Within the next week or so ensembles such as The College Big Bands, Choirs and String Ensemble will be starting up again. In 2012 we are also looking forward to a number of joint projects with professional musicians and groups such as the Australian National Academy of Music, Melbourne University Music, an International 'Virtual' Choir project, and a range of visiting musicians and bands. One such group will be the 'WotOpera' program; an offshoot of 'Opera Australia', will be working extensively with our music students in the early part of term 2. Each school will create their own opera.

WotOpera is an exciting education program which will involve groups of around 20 students create their own opera from scratch over a four week period. They will do this through a series of intensive facilitated workshops. The students are the decision-making body in the whole, democratic, process – they vote on character, plot and casting and any other decision regarding their work. They write the libretto and music themselves, they also paint the sets; the WotOpera staff is there to facilitate the students’ ideas into being. The whole process will culminate in a combined performance with three other schools involved (including Mac.Robertson Girls’ High School and Melbourne High School) at a professional venue somewhere in the City.

The invitation to participate in this program is a credit to our students’ creativity and enthusiasm for music as well as another example of the growing reputation of Albert Park College for excellence in the Arts.
SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA - 2012 VICTORIAN TEAM SELECTIONS FOR SPORTS.

School Sport Victoria (SSV) will be competing in the annual School Sport Australia Championships in the sports listed on the SSV website.

These Championships offer gifted and talented students the opportunity to participate in higher levels of sporting competition against students from other Australian states and territories.

You can view further trial information regarding the nomination process for each sport re. dates, times, venue, age eligibility, nomination closing dates, trial fees and Championship venue and dates - by clicking on the respective links under the Team Vic tab.

Nominations can be made to on the SSV website.
PORT MELBOURNE WATERFRONT UDF COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

The City of Port Phillip would like to hear what you think of our draft Port Melbourne Waterfront Urban Design Framework (UDF). The UDF will enhance liveability, improve public spaces and secure a sustainable future for the area.

To view the draft UDF and have your say via the submission form, go to www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay or visit any City of Port Phillip town hall or library.