

From the Campus Principals

Welcome to 2015, particularly families new to the school. We pride ourselves on making new people welcome into our Copperfield Family, and this year is no exception. The Year 7 students very much enjoyed the transition program we ran and particularly the Iron Form day last Friday. L Team have won for the third year in a row! But as we say as we open the games; it's not so much about winning as about team work, cooperation and fun.

There are several opportunities to get involved with school life.

Parent Getting to Know you nights are being run; at Kings Park that will be Tuesday February 17th at 7:00. We will have a quick greeting, followed by the opportunity to meet teachers, look at curriculum outlines and share a 'snag'. This is for all year levels, please come along.

College Council: there are several parent representative positions up for nomination. If you are interested please collect a form from your child's front office. Or your child can take one home.

Parents and Friends Association (PFA): if you would like to join and or just be included in the news please contact Con Damoulakis at the Sydenham Campus, or ask your child to let his/her Campus Principal know of your interest.

We are lucky to welcome **new staff** to campus this year as the college is experiencing considerable growth.

Ms Nevin Tadros teaches Science and Maths

Ms Janette Greed is Science Lab Tech

Ms Tanya Lane teaches Health and PE

Ms Chelsea Gianinno also teaches Health and PE

Ms Pam Farrelly has moved from Sydenham campus and is our new L Team Leader

Ms Deanne Geyer has also moved from Sydenham and is our new T Team Leader

Ms Sam Sperling is a Teach For Australia teacher and teaches Humanities, Media and English

Mr Michael Horn is also a Teach For Australia teacher and teaches Maths and Science

Ms Jo Drago teaches Health and PE and

has returned from family leave
Ms Susai Balthasar teaches Maths and Science and has returned from extended leave.

Mr David McNicol is one of the Hands On Learning staff

Ms Louise Azzopardi is also one of the Hands On Learning staff.

Several teachers are on short term leave for the start of the year but will be returning over the next few weeks; Ms Dermody, Mr Parnham and Mr Centorrino.

Hands On Learning HOL

This year Copperfield College is pleased to commence an engagement program called Hands On Learning. A selected group of students will participate one day per week in a range of practical activities around the school and potentially in the community. Projects may include landscaping, building, gardening, art work etc. All projects will involve collaboration, planning, designing and calculating. The purpose is to allow students to realise the practical application of what they learn in class with a view to them becoming increasingly focused on academic and or career goals. Students will remain in the program for varying periods of time, depending on their circumstances.

The Kings Park groups starts this week and will operate every Tuesday; the Sydenham group will start in the next fortnight on a Wednesday.

Student leadership

Applications for students who wish to be involved in student leadership were due last week. There are a number of ways they can be involved Leadership, SRC or Environmental. They can be the people speaking on the microphone or helping behind the scenes; there a many different ways to be a leader. If your child missed the deadline, please urge them to see Ms Dedes who will be pleased to include him or her.

Our **scholarship recipients** were presented with their awards on February 5th at a ceremony at the Senior Campus. Each student spoke about their aspirations and interests and thrilled the audience with their poise and sense of purpose. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Immunisations for Years 7, 8 and 10 were

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Dates and Events:

16 February	College Council
17 February	Parents Information Evening
24 February	College Swimming Sports
27 February	Photos Catch up Day
9 March	Public Holiday
16 March	College Council
17 March	Discovery Day
18 March	College Athletics Carnival
24 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
27 March	Last Day Term 1
13 April	First Day Term 2
16 April	Immunizations Year 7 & 9
20—22 April	Year 7 Camp

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Western Bulldogs
are proud to adopt
Copperfield College
as a
Bulldog Friendly School



Photos were taken on Friday February 13th. Parents can order photos online through MSP Photography if they forgot envelopes etc. There is also a catch up day for students who were absent on February 27th. Students who wish to participate in that will need to collect and return an excursion form.

The **College Swimming Sports** will take place on February 24th and we have been assured that the free swimming time at the conclusion of the competition will be made available this year. Please remind your child to slip, slop, slap. **They can wear team colours or PE uniform; it is not a free dress day.**

Testing

Your Year 7 child will have done a TORC **reading test** recently and will have started the Literate Practices program this week. All students in Years 7 and 8 will be completing an online **writing task** which will be used as a guide for teaching and as a piece against which their progress can be measured later in the year. Students will get feedback on and learn about their progress and teachers can reflect on how they teach writing skills.

We are looking forward to meeting you over the academic year and wish you and your child(ren) a year of great growth and inspiration.

Pip Griffiths
Campus Principal

Year 10 Work Experience - 2015

I am very pleased to report that our 2015 **"Work Experience Program"** (WEP) is in place and ready to go. As you would be aware our 2015 WEP is optional and is offered to all interested Year 10 students. Students who choose to do so select one week from six different weeks allocated throughout the year to undertake their work experience in a field of their choice.

Work experience is an interesting and rewarding opportunity and I encourage every student when given the opportunity to take on and enjoy the challenges of the world of work. I therefore hope that all of our year 10 students interested in benefitting from work experience will follow my advice and look to secure a meaningful placement for one of our six allocated weeks in our 2015 WEP.

Just a reminder that all Kings Park Work

Experience Forms (yellow forms) are to be handed to me **6 weeks** prior to the start of your work placement. Please feel free to come and see me anytime if you have any questions, need advice or assistance in securing your work placement.

2015 Work Experience dates are:

Last week term 1 -23rd -27th March 2015

1st week term 2 - 13th-17th April 2015

Last week term 2 - 22nd-26th June 2015

1st week term 3 - 13th -17th July 2015

Last week term 3-14th-18th Sept 2015

1st week term 4 - 5th -9th October 2015

Bella Moore

Careers Advisor/MIPs Counsellor

Library

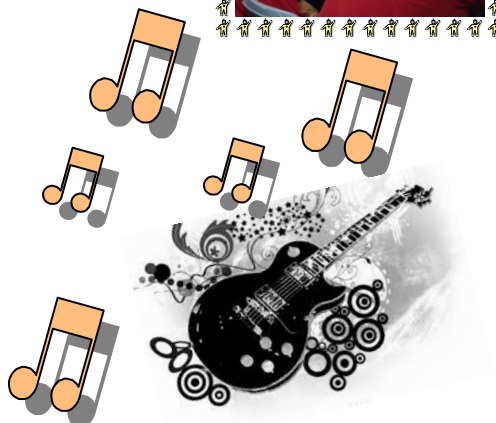
This is Mrs James in Kings Park library. She is our head librarian who makes our library very user friendly for students. Here Mrs James is running sessions for all our new year 7 students. The library offers much more than just borrowing books. Mrs James has shown students all the great activities and opportunities our library provides.



Instrumental Music

Our campus offers a range of instrumental music to all students. Instruments offered are: Drums, Guitar, Woodwind (e.g. saxophone, flute), Bass Guitar, singing lessons.

Forms can be collected from General Office.
For more information contact Mr Gary Allen



KP Café

Have you forgotten to have your breakfast this morning?

Well, come and join us in - K1!

8:15am to 8:45am

Monday to Friday

It's free for all students at Kings Park Campus

MENU

Monday and Wednesday
tasty jaffles



Tuesday and Thursday
pancakes and fresh fruit



Friday
Freshly made muffins



For more information see Ms Scott, Ms Esmail-Moore or Ms Dedes

Payments to the College

A reminder if you wish to pay your subject charges or excursion costs, you can phone any of the campus offices and simply provide your credit card details.

Other methods of payment are by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and now BPay. Please call any campus office to obtain your reference number.



Billers Code: 87361

Reference No: *Please contact any campus office to obtain your reference number.*

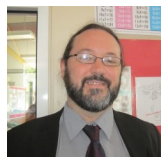
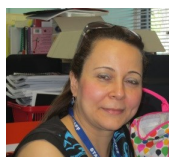
College Phone Numbers

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Ph: 9365 4111
Fax: 9365 4999

Delahey Campus
Ph: 9307 5555
Fax: 9307 5444

Sydenham Campus
Ph: 9361 3888
Fax: 9361 3899

D Team Report



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the year 7 students of D team and new members of our teaching team. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and had an opportunity to relax. D Team is fortunate to have five new members in our staff room. Some of our new staff are also homegroup teachers. Ms Wilkins, from Sydenham, is the College Art KLA leader. She also teaches Technology and is 7D2's homegroup teacher. 7D3's homegroup teacher, Mr Centorrino, is on leave and is being replaced by Mr Lavery. 7D1 has two homegroup teachers, Ms Rao and Ms Tadros. Ms Tadros is an experienced Maths and Science teacher who is new to the college. Ms Drago teaches PE and Health and is returning from leave. Ms Supriyono has always been a member of D Team but now has a desk in the office. The year 7 students look fantastic in their school uniform and appear to be settling in well. The weather has been very warm and students may be very tired when they get home. They have been enthusiastically lining up at the canteen and running around at lunchtime. Just a reminder, students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to class. Also, please phone the school or send a note to explain any absences. Please ensure that all clothing and books are labelled so they can be returned to their owners if lost. Term 1 is a busy term. Students have completed Literacy and Numeracy tests which will be used to assign students to groups and inform teachers in their planning. Year 7 students were engaged in an orientation program which finished in form competitions on Iron Day. Everyone had a

great time with 7D2 narrowly missing out on first place. Immunisations, photos and college sports days are scheduled. The swimming sports will be held on the 24th February. This is a great day for those who can or cannot swim. Students are reminded to wear a hat, use sunscreen and wear GREEN for D Team. The Athletics carnival will be held later in the term.

First impressions from year 7s:

-I really enjoyed Iron Day because my grade got some time to bond and worked hard to win. Charlotte 7D2

-I have learnt and done different things that I have never done before. Tess 7D3

-the canteen sells yummy food. Tony 7D2

-the teachers in this school are fantastic because they always consider each and every student and that makes it a better place to learn. Ramya 7D2

-sometimes it's really hard to remember all the teachers for every subject. Christina 7D3

-we don't have to sit on the floor. Abigail 7D3

-the school's environment is clean and the teachers are funny. Alex 7D2

-I'm looking forwards to the inter school sports. My homegroup feels like a family. William 7D2

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

Ms Jenny Russell

(D Team Leader)



Student Accident Insurance

We remind parents/carers and staff that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Parents/Carers of students who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/Carers can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Copperfield College Uniform

The Copperfield College uniform is available from the PSW Deer Park store:

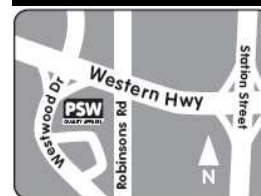
58 Westwood Drive, Deer Park
Ph: 9363 8458

Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Uniform items can also be purchased online
Orders can be delivered to your home!

www.psw.com.au



Excursions/Activities

Did you know you can read and print out excursion/activity notices from our website?

The initial notice will be given to students and any further copies needed should be obtained from the website, under the "News & Events" section.



1:1 Learning and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Thank you to all year 7 parents/carers who organised an appropriate device for their child. Please check that your child has seen their Campus Computer Technician to have their device configured to use the College network. Year 7 parents/carers who have not yet organised a device for their child are encouraged to do this as soon as possible. The College regards student devices as very important learning tools and students without them are at a disadvantage.

Year 10 and Year 12 students are also permitted to BYOD, so long as they have met their obligations regarding the laptop they used last year.

A BYOD Guide with a Responsible Use Agreement has been produced for Years 7, 10 and 12. Students in these year levels can have their device registered

and connected to the school network when their Agreement has been signed. *Please note that all other year levels, Years 8, 9 and 11, are not permitted to BYOD in 2015, since these students are still involved in ongoing laptop lease arrangements.* As previously publicized, these students will be able to access BYOD when these lease arrangements finish at the end of 2015 for Years 9 and 11 and at the end of 2016 for Year 8. The College is looking forward to all students using whatever device they are using in a smart, safe and responsible way. If you have any questions about 1:1 Learning or BYOD please contact Mark Nugent at Sydenham, Glenn McLeod at Kings Park or your campus office, who will direct you through to someone who can help you.



Parent Portal

Last year the College launched a new method of communicating with parents/carers. The College Parent Portal provides parents/carers with up to date information about your child's attendance, lesson by lesson, as the classes are marked by teachers. It will also give parents/carers access to their child's timetable, the names of their teachers, and electronic copies of interim and semester reports when they are published. Eventually, it will show achievements and awards that students receive, and we will be exploring its use to provide access to details of classwork due and other expectations that need to be met, as well as being used to communicate news items. The Parent Portal is accessed through any internet browser on any computer connected to the internet.

The first major task of the Parent Portal in 2015 will be to manage appointments for our Parent Teacher Student Interviews to be held

on Tuesday March 24 for our Kings Park and Sydenham Campuses and on Wednesday March 25 for our Delahey Campus.

Parents/carers were informed of their personal login details and the steps involved in accessing both the portal and the interview booking system in 2014.

Parents/carers of students who joined the College in late 2014 or in 2015 will receive their details and access instructions by mail over the next three weeks. Note that logins are based on the parent/carer contact information on record at the College so please contact your Campus Office if this information need updating. Please contact myself or any member of the Principal Team with any queries, concerns or feedback about the parent portal.

Mark Nugent

Campus Principal -Sydenham



Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Child Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

In Victoria, education is compulsory for children aged between 6 and 17. When students are enrolled, it is expected they will attend every day of each term.

Parents will receive notification of any student-free days.

It is crucial that students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. This includes arriving at school, and each class, on time.

Students who regularly miss days of school are at risk of missing out on learning the basic building blocks in subjects, and may experience long term difficulties with their learning.

School attendance helps students develop social skills, such as friendship building, team work, communication skills and healthy self-esteem.

An absence from school requires a doctor's certificate or note of explanation that has been written and signed by a parent/guardian. The note should accompany the student on the first day they return to school after the absence. If the absence is expected to be longer than one day, please notify Annette on 9365 4901.

Would You Like to Host a Japanese Student?



Copperfield College is very fortunate to have a Sister School relationship with Fuji Junior High School, in Fuji City, Japan. This relationship aims to foster cultural understanding and friendship between the young people of Japan and Australia. Every second year we have a group of students and staff visit Fuji Junior High School in Japan. Every other year they visit us.

In 2014, eighteen students and three teachers from Copperfield College visited Japan and Fuji Junior High School in September. In 2015, we expect a similarly sized group of students and teachers to come to Australia and Copperfield College for approximately 5 days between August 12 and August 20.

During this time the Japanese students stay in Australian homes with our students. Whilst in Australia, the Japanese students attend our classes at Copperfield College and experience life in Australian homes. It is a wonderful experience for families to welcome a Japanese student into their home and be treated as family members. They and their hosts will also have the opportunity to participate in excursions and other celebrations. Copperfield College students have made many friends from our Sister School over the years and developed a better understanding and appreciation of each other's lifestyles and cultures. Next year we expect our Sister School relationship will continue with our students visiting Japan.

If you are interested in this fantastic experience and wish to host a Japanese student, please fill in the form below and return it with a parent/carer signature to your Campus Office.

Mark Nugent
Campus Principal Sydenham
Fuji JHS Sister School Coordinator

Application to Host a Japanese Student

Name: _____ Year Level: ____ Homegroup: ____ Campus: _____

Please tick and fill in the following, where appropriate:

☐ I hosted a Japanese Student in ____ Name of Japanese student: _____

☐ I travelled to Japan (with the College) in ____ Name of Host student: _____

☐ I currently study Japanese in year ____ OR ☐ I have studied Japanese to year ____

Other information relevant to this application: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to your Campus Office