PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome to the Start of the School Year 2017

It has been a solid start to the 2017 school year, with students settling well into their learning programs and already building strong relationships with their teachers and the support staff. All teachers have been focused on ensuring that each class has challenging yet achievable learning tasks for their students. We have been talking with all students about being Ready to Learn. I am very pleased to see the students taking on board our high expectations. To support the work in the classroom, we ask parents and guardians to ensure that their children spend at least an hour each night for years 7 and 8 and two hours each night for years 9 to 12, to complete homework and go through the work covered each day.

We have had some modifications to the VCE program with all students in Year 11 and 12 starting their day at 8.50am. Study periods are spent at school and we are encouraging our students to get as much study completed, and seek support from their teachers, during these times. All details related to the changes for this year can be found in the VCE Handbook. We have met with all our Year 11 and 12 students at assemblies regarding the importance of setting goals and implementing a plan on how to achieve them. We have set high, yet achievable standards for all our senior students and continue to remind them of the support offered.

Welcome New Students and Staff to our School Community

I would like to formally welcome our new students to our community. I am confident that they will be well supported as they learn about our school and the numerous opportunities that are available to them. We also welcome ten new and returning staff to Belmont High School. It gives me great pleasure to introduce and welcome the following staff to the school this year:

Ms Linda Jennings – Gold House Leader and PE Health teacher
Mr Chris Pugh – Mango House Leader and VISCOM teacher
Ms Monica Thomson – Teaching and Learning Leader and Middle Years English and Humanities Teacher
Mr Scott Mackenzie – Middle Years Mathematics and Science Teacher
Mr Craig White – Chemistry and Mathematics Teacher
Ms Gabby Condello – English and Humanities Teacher
Ms Claire L’Hoest- Instrumental Music Teacher
Ms Abbey Lanyon – PE and Sport Student support officer
Ms Alifa Soerianingrat – Indonesian Student Support
Ms Amanda Brown – PE and Health Teacher
Ms Kristy Harvey – Art Teacher

COMPASS

Compass is the new student information portal that has been recently introduced at Belmont High School. All staff have been working on placing information onto Compass, and learning how to effectively use the program to its full potential. During the past two weeks, our students have been given access to the program, and we plan to roll out...
THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT ASSOCIATION

Once again our parent volunteers were able to provide the numbers late last year to hold another successful second hand book and uniform sale. It is a wonderful service to our families and the funds generated return directly to students and student programs. I want to sincerely thank the Parent Association Executive who managed the sales and all parent and student helpers. A job well done!

I would also encourage all families to consider joining the Parent Association or making yourself available to assist at school functions when required.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I am now calling for nominations for School Council. In this election period we have 4 Parent Vacancies for a two year appointment, and 2 DET Employee member vacancies for a two year appointment. If any parent would like to discuss the role of Council I would be more than happy to provide advice and information. Nomination forms can be obtained from Jenni in the General Office and close on Monday 20th February at 4.00pm. More information is available in this Newsletter.

I would also like to congratulate and thank those Councillors who have completed their two year term for their contribution to the school and its progress: Mr Andrew King, Mr Jason McLachlan, Ms Rita Bruscella, Ms Rose Humphrey, Ms Ann McGrath and 2016 School Captains.

Mrs Sandra Eglezos
Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM PASSES

We have discussed with all our students that out of uniform passes are no longer given through form group. If there are extenuating reasons for your child to be out of uniform, please contact the House Leader and discuss any concerns or issues with them. They will issue them with a pass for the day and support can be organised if needed.

I look forward to a very productive and exciting year, filled with numerous opportunities for our students and staff.

BELL TIMES:

There have been some changes to the bell times for 2017. Please note: classes finish at 3.40pm every Monday, and at 3.15pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All students are required to be at Form Assembly every morning at 8.50am.

PERSONAL GOODS BOUGHT TO SCHOOL

Please be advised that private property bought to school by students is not insured by the school and the Department of Education does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage. This includes items such as mobile phones, calculators, sporting equipment, bicycles etc. Students are to provide appropriate security for all personal items, and the school will at all times endeavour to assist with this. It is appropriate if required, for students to request the Office or a Principal to look after certain items or sums of cash for short periods of time. Students are provided with lockers for storage and security and it is essential that all students provide a strong lock at all times for their lockers.

VCE 2016

2016 was a very successful year for our VCE students with an increase of our mean school study score to the magical number of 30. At this stage 88 percent of our students who applied for University entry were given first round offers, with subsequent University entry rounds to come which is a fantastic result.

We welcomed a record 19 students into ‘The 90’s Club’ with our Dux being Andy Shi (98.75). This group of students join many past outstanding students in receiving an ATAR Score of 90 or above. We also had a further 24 students in the 80’s and this reflects the quality of the cohort as well as the quality teaching at this level and the ongoing work we are doing in the junior years to prepare and equip students for their final year.

We look forward to working closely again with our 2017 graduating group and will continue to focus on their academic and wellbeing needs as we move throughout the year. A range of other interesting data flowing from our VCE results and student destinations will be reported in our Annual Report released in March.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per secondary school student is $225.

How to Apply:
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A reminder that the Second-hand Book and Uniform shop is open on Fridays, from 12.45-1.30pm. There will be occasional times when the shop will be open 8.00-9.00am. The first of these early openings will be on 17th February. Please note the shop is not normally open on days when the students are not at school, eg Swimming Carnival.
WELCOME TO VCE 2017 and what we hope to be an exciting and rewarding year for all.

VCE and Year 11 and Year 12 Coordinator – John McAndrew (JOM) located in the VCE Office in the Admin area. Phone 116, email mcandrew.john.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

VCE Assistant – Mr. Dan Kasperovic

AN INVITATION—PARENT MEETING

On February 27th, we have a parent meeting on Monday evening which hopefully many parents will attend. The parents will be updated on policies and how they can support students in achieving the best outcomes. See the invitation to that event. Parents can RSVP to this event by email or through the student returning the RSVP of this invitation to Mr. McAndrew.

VCE ASSEMBLIES

At the first Year 11 and 12 assemblies last week, students were provided a detailed copy of the expectations and guidelines of VCE. This document can be viewed in the Student Shared folder on the school’s intranet page. There will be access on COMPASS as well. The new ATTENDANCE policy was also outlined and this has been updated now on the school’s internet page as well. In the future Year 12 assemblies will occur at the start of lunch on Wednesday afternoons. ALL STUDENTS must attend. After this they may sign out but preferably are encouraged to attend the tutorials offered in English and Maths that run on Wednesday afternoons.

In summary:

Wednesday (period 5/6)
Tutorials in English and Mathematics will be available for students in year 12 to attend Year 11 and 12 students may leave the school if there are no organised activities.

Friday Week B (Period 5/6)
Year 11 students will have timetabled study skills classes period 5 and 6 Year 12 students will have organised SACs and other activities organised
If there are no scheduled activities for year 12, they can leave the school at the end of period 4.

All students leaving the school need to sign out using the COMPASS Kiosk.

The next assembly is the 15th February and students will be given an outline of their enrolments for 2017, previous VCE/VCAL/VET results and also a full details report on their personal details etc.

IMPORTANT: Students need to check the report very carefully and forward any changes, errors or other discrepancies immediately to Mr. McAndrew. It is essential as it is a LEGAL document.

Year 11 assemblies will occur at the start of Period 5 every Friday Week B before the afternoon study sessions begin. Again ALL students must attend. Year 11 students are not permitted to sign out on this afternoon.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

The big motto for the year is being Ready to Learn and the school has HIGH expectations of our teachers and the school and the teachers have High Expectations of the students.

Ready To Learn revolves around students being:

- Punctual
- In Uniform
- Having the correct Equipment including a COMPUTER at VCE
- Developing good Study Habits
- A Positive Attitude

The HIGH expectations include:

- Attending Meetings held on a regular basis with attendance being compulsory.
- Contribute to overall positive nature of school by showing excellent leadership and role-modelling
- Follow the VCE/VCAL/VCAA policies and procedures
- Complete weekly exam question practice.
- Meet with VCE Leader/Assistant and discuss progress and well-being, utilise prediction tools and discuss study habits
- Apply consistent performance around homework, punctuality, attendance, behaviours and an attitude to learn.
- Support others in their endeavours.

DRIVING

Students are reminded that they need to sign the agreement form in relation to driving to school and return this. The agreement form can be collected from the Office and must be returned to Mr. McAndrew. Passengers must also complete a permission form. Students are allowed one passenger in their car as per Department of Education regulations. Students are also not to leave the school during the day except for the afternoons arranged.
EVENTS

Melbourne University hold a lecture series based on achieving high in VCE and subject specific lectures in Term 1. They are free (usually worth around $300). Students just need to make a $10 donation, which goes to Fred Hollows Foundation. Mr. McAndrew will have info on this event so keep an eye out for it.

CORRESPONDENCE

All VCE Administration information can be found on the student shared page of the portal under VCE Administration. The BHS Internet page will also have information related to the VCE and COMPASS will have a calendar dedicated to the VCE. The display board in C wing also has flyers on lecture series, job opportunities, careers etc.

Remember that what students do NOW will establish them for success LATER. Success in 2017 is not achieved NOW but can definitely be LOST Now if positive habits are not established.

Whilst we wish for all ‘To Strive for the Highest’, don’t forget we do not know what your highest is and there is no limit to what you CAN achieve!

Thanks again and please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage.

John McAndrew
VCE Coordinator

YEAR 11 and 12 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY 2017

1. Students must attend all timetabled classes in accordance with the ‘VCE Class Attendance Policy 2017’ and the attendance requirements for VCAL students. This policy is in addition to the class attendance requirements.
2. During the school week there are times when students do not have timetabled classes. These are known as ‘study periods’. Students are expected to be in designated areas completing study during these times.
3. ALL students must attend school from the beginning of each day and be present at Form Assembly. This is irrespective of first class starting time. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
4. Students once in attendance at the school must remain at school until the designated finish time for that day. That is 3:40 on Monday, 3:15 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 12:45 on Wednesday. Students are not permitted to sign out at any time unless a valid reason is provided from a parent.
5. Wednesday finishes at 12:45 for Year 11 and 12 students unless they study a VET subject.

Please Note: On some Wednesday SAC classes will be held, seminar or study sessions organised and students are required to attend these and non-attendance will be regarded as an unexplained absence.

English and Maths tutorials will also run on Wednesday afternoons.

Friday Week B afternoons are now official study periods. All students must attend these periods. The Library will be made totally free for revision classes as well as allocated classrooms. Seminars, learning activities, mentoring, tutoring and some SAC assessments will be held during this time.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

It has been a very busy start to the year and I would like to welcome all of our new Year 7 students and their families to the Belmont High School Community.

Your child should have brought home an Important Dates notice which included a reminder of some of the events in first term.

On Friday 3rd February Year 7 students enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the pool for the swimming trials. This is in preparation for the BHS Swimming Carnival on Friday 10th. Many students participated in the trials and most students (and some teachers) enjoyed some free time in the pool as well! Houses have been busy getting their teams ready for the carnival, and students are encouraged to dress in their House colours and participate in the day by either swimming in an event or cheering their House mates from the side of the pool.

Student photos were taken on Wednesday 8th February. There will also be a whole year 7 group photo and optional family photos taken on Tuesday 14th February. Both individual and group photos can be ordered online at www.arphotos.com.au

On Monday 27th February, year 7 students will receive the first of 3 immunisations in 2017. For more information about this please view the information on the following website http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au/

Year 7 camps are organised in House groups and the first House to attend our school camp in Tanybryn this year will be Ebony House. The three day camp is a fantastic opportunity for class mates to bond, and for teachers and House Leaders to get to know their new year 7 group. We have a new building of bedrooms at the camp, and the grounds are looking great. We are so lucky to have this wonderful resource in the Otways.

Very soon, parents will be able to access our new learning management system, Compass. This will make communication with your child’s classroom teachers much easier. You will also be able to access information about your child’s attendance, view and pay for excursions, and access school reports. We will keep you informed of our progress as we introduce each section of Compass. Until then you are most welcome to contact your child’s teacher or House Leader via email if you have any questions or concerns.

Once again, welcome to Belmont High School. We look forward to building a positive relationship with all of our new families as we travel on this learning journey together.

Meagan McAlpine
Assistant Principal
CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES
Please be advised that there is a timetable change occurring on all of McHarry’s public bus services commencing on Sunday 29 January 2017.

Students who catch public buses to or from school should check their timetable via this link:

Some timetables have changed by 5 minutes or more so all public bus travellers are urged to check their timetable before returning to school.

For students travelling on our myki/conveyance school buses, it’s also best to check timetables and routes via this link:

MUSIC NEWS
Welcome to another busy year in the Music Department! All Lessons and rehearsals have begun, so don’t forget to let your ensemble director know if you are going to miss a rehearsal.

2017 Rehearsal times are:
Senior Band: Monday 3.50 – 5.00pm, Bandroom 1
Jazz Syndicate, Tuesday 3.15 – 4.45pm, Bandroom 2
Intermediate Jazz, Tuesday lunchtimes, Bandroom 1
Intermediate Band, Tuesday 3.15 – 4.30pm, Bandroom 1
Junior Jazz, Wednesday 3.15 – 4.30pm, Bandroom 1
String Ensemble, Thursday lunchtimes, Bandroom 2
Beginning Band, Thursday 3.15 – 4.30pm, Bandroom 1, commencing March 2nd.

Welcome to our new sessional music teachers, Vish Vadivelu (drumkit), Kathryn Buttigieg (Strings and String Ensemble) and Hugh Davidson (Piano), and our new Clarinet, Double Reed and Beginning Band teacher, Claire L’Hoest.

If you are interested in helping out our Band Support Group, please email belmonthsbandsupp@gmail.com

We are excited to be putting on the hit show, “Chicago”, at the Shenton Performing Arts Centre in the second last week of Term 3. We are seeking a keyboard player (AMEB GRADE 7 or equivalent) to join the Chicago Band for the show. Please contact Ms Mann or Ms Humphrey ASAP if interested. Parents and staff are also welcome to enquire!! Watch this space later in the term, for more ways you can be part of this exciting show.

Don’t forget it’s not too late to sign up for lessons, application forms are available from Ms Humphrey in the bandroom.

Rose Humphrey
Director of Music

TAX FILE NUMBERS
Tax file applications can be lodged at the Post Office in Porter Avenue, Highton, no appointment necessary.

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM 2018
There will be an Information Night at 7pm in the School Library, on 14th March 2017 for the Year 7 2018 intake of students into the Accelerated Learning Program. Application forms will soon be available. Applications close on 23rd March, with testing dates of 21st and 22nd April.

For further information, please contact Ms Lea Purdy, 5243 5355.

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR OVERSEAS STUDENT
Full board and room is required for a secondary student from USA studying at Belmont High School from February 2017. Current remuneration rates are $260 per week, non-smoking household is preferred and Working with Children Check is required for persons over 18. To express interest or for further information please contact Kate Dangerfield, Belmont High School, on 52435355.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL
Could parents please contact the school with any changes of address, contact and emergency numbers, parents’ employment, email address, as soon as possible so that records can be kept up to date.
School office hours are 8.15am—4.30pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.15am-4.00pm on Fridays. Phone: 5243 5355
MANGO NEWS
As the new Mango House Leader for 2017, hi to all and welcome back to Belmont High School for 2017. I'm very excited to be a part of the Mango spirit for School planned events throughout the year, as well as our Mango House events I'm currently fine tuning.

Also a big welcome to our Mango form teachers;
- Year 7 – Ms McKenzie
- Year 8 – Ms Rau
- Year 9 – Ms McAndrew & Mr Williams
- Year 10 – Miss Turner & Ms Sayers
- Year 11 – Ms Ayres
- Year 12 – Mr McAndrew

Assisting Staff: Ms Cantwell, Ms McKew & Miss Condello

I’ve just got back from our year 12 camp to Camp Wilkin, Angelsea and I couldn’t be happier with the mature leaders of our house. During this time, our Mango House Captains were elected. When you see them, please congratulate:

- Male House Captain – Matthew Agiejew
- Female House Captain – Brittany King
- Vice Male Captain – Nicholas Orpwood
- Vice Female Captain – Laura Eaton
- Sports Captains – Sam Gliszczynski and Jade Collins
- Music Captains – Sam Williamson and Laura Firipis
- Debating Captains – Issy Peter

Looking forward to seeing the sea of Mango on Friday for the Swim Sports. Some of our crew have been working on some new signs for the day. Go Mango!!

Christopher Pugh
Mango House Leader

THE LANGUAGES CORNER
Buongiorno / Selamat Pagi

Welcome to a new year of language learning. We would particularly like to say benvenuti / selamat datang to our year 7 cohort.

Here are some tips to make the most of this year:
- make sure you ask your teacher for clarification or help whenever needed
- bring all necessary equipment to class and be ready to learn (laptop put aside unless the teacher asks you to use it)
- should you not be assigned specific homework after a lesson, spend some time practising newly learnt words on Language Perfect, Duolingo, Languages Online or Quizlet
- regularly check Compass or touch base with your teacher or a classmate when you miss a class to catch up on missed tasks.

Language Assistants
We would also like to welcome our Indonesian language assistant Alifa. She will be assisting our students until the end of the year.

There will also be an Italian language assistant working at BHS from mid April to December. Her name is Alessandra and should there be a family interested in hosting her for a week or two once she arrives (before she finds her own accommodation), please send an enquiry via email on cologni.federica.f@edumail.vic.gov.au. This would be a worthwhile opportunity for students to practise their Italian with a native speaker.

We are very fortunate to have assistants for both languages this year; the process to apply for such precious helpers is a competitive one and we are thankful that BHS was selected for both languages. We trust that Alifa and Alessandra will help us expose our students to authentic language and culture and hopefully inspire BHS students to continue their language learning beyond high school.

Federica Cologni
Learning Area Leader for Languages

INDONESIAN STUDY TOUR 2017
Not long to go now! Are you getting excited? Don’t forget, compulsory final meeting is at 5pm on Thursday 16 February in LC9. See you there parent(s) and students. Please let Glenda Wood know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend so an alternative meeting time can be scheduled for you.
EBONY HOUSE
Wow! What a start to the year. It’s all systems go here at Ebony.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning families, as well as introduce our form teachers for 2016:

- Year 7 - Ms. Bianco
- Year 8 - Ms. Thomson
- Year 9 - Mr Healey
- Year 10 - Ms. Kania
- Year 11 - Ms. Armitage (Assistant House Leader)
- Year 12 - Mr. Vernon and Ms. Humphrey

All form teacher will be supported by Mr. Lynch, Ms. Daff, Ms. Pugh and Ms. Mellens.

The first week of term saw Ebony’s Year 12 students attend a leadership camp in Anglesea with Mr. Vernon, Ms. Humphrey and myself. The camp included a range of initiative and team building activities, as well as providing students with a positive environment to prepare for the year ahead. Whilst in Anglesea, our Year 12 Leadership Team was established. Congratulations to the following students on their appointments:

- House Captains – Tayla Wilson and Lachie Partridge
- Vice Captains – Bonnie Rosser and Brandon Davis
- Sport Captains – Tanisha Artz and James Lyon
- Music Captains – Paige Viney and Ben Rainford

Ms. Bianco has done a fantastic job transitioning our Year 7’s to the pace of High School. Students have been flat out, both in and out of the classroom. I’m really looking forward to our Year 7 Camp down at Tanybryn next week. We will be also having a welcome BBQ for Year 7 students and their families at Eastern Beach on the 23rd of February.

Good luck for the swimming carnival on Friday!

Mr. Bell, Ebony House Leader

GREEN HOUSE NEWS
We would like to welcome all the Green House students back to BHS and wish them a wonderful 2017.

We would like to formally welcome our Year 7’s to Green House. Our new Year 7 Greens have had a fantastic start to the year at Belmont High School. They have all begun to get to know each other, and are working together to figure out how they learn best so that the next 6 years of high school will be beneficial to them. They have all proven enthusiastic and demonstrated their commitment to Green House by competing in the Year 7 Swimming Trials last Friday in preparation to represent their Green at this Friday's Swimming Carnival. We look forward to the year ahead with our newest additions to Green House!

Our Year 12’s have also be very busy attending a two day camp where they focused on leadership skills, team-building and challenging themselves on the giant swing and paddle boarding. Our Year 12 leadership team is House Captains: Dylan Cowan and Imogen Hair, Vice-captains: Robin Sangwan and Hiba Al-Assafi, Music captain: Jasmin Wilson, Sports captain: Eric Parkin and SRC representative: Brodey Hamilton.

Our Year 12’s have led their first House Assembly and have been quite active in developing activities and events designed to develop a greater sense of community within our house. Our year 12’s have shown great leadership, and passion and we look forward to working with them this year.

Our whole house focus is now on swimming sports. We look forward to a wonderful day of swimming and seeing a sea of Green at the pool. GO GREEN!

Emma Horne and Emily Gaito
LIBRARY NEWS

We have held introductory lessons with all Year 7 classes and the students have created gorgeous ‘faces’ representing themselves. These are displayed prominently in the library and make for a bright, colourful display. It has been wonderful to get to know all the new students; we particularly enjoy hearing about the books they like to read. Year 7s are also undertaking an “introduction to research skills the BHS way”. Next week we will also be getting all year 7s started on Reading Rewards (an on-line reading journal and incentive program).

We are currently having library refresher sessions with year 8’s 9’s and 10’s. All students from years 7-10 are expected to read regularly each week as part of their English classes. Year 8s will continue their Reading Rewards program from last year.

The library staff have been pleased with how the VCE students are using their study periods in the library – they are generally working quietly and making the most of the time they have at school to complete work. Let’s hope this continues throughout the year. They are setting high standards for the younger students who see them working diligently.

We will be running the Premiers’ Reading Challenge again this year so encourage all interested students in Years 7-10 to come and speak to us about joining up. Reading 15 books throughout the year is a goal to strive for and if successful, they will receive a certificate from the Premier and a pizza lunch from us! Shortly we will be recruiting year 7s for our Readers’ Cup competition. The year 8 competition will be next semester.

We have been busy revamping our non-fiction collection to make it far more user friendly. This should be completed in the next week or so and we invite all students to come and borrow. We also subscribe to the following magazines and encourage students to read the current issue in here or borrow back issues; Double Helix (science), Girlfriend, Hyper (gaming), Inside Sport, Slam Skateboarding and Surfing Life.

Rennai McCarthy and Lee Suter (Teacher-librarians)
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} February 2017.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} March 2017.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Mrs Sandra Eglezos
Principal
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to school council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.
# BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL PRICE LIST 2017.

## PASTRIES
- **Fries** $4.00
- **Large Pasties** $4.00
- **Sausage Rolls** $3.00
- **Party Pies** $1.20
- **Spinach & Ricotta Roll (V)** $3.00

## HOT FOODS
- **Dim Sims** 80c each OR 3 for $2.00
- **Chicken Burgers** $5.50
- **Vege Burgers (V)** $5.50
- **Noodles (chick, beef)** $2.50

## RECESS ONLY:
- **Inside Out Pizzas** $4.00
- **Chicken Chilli Strips** $1.50
- **Toasted Sandwiches (V)** $2.50
- **Mini Spring Rolls** $0.50
- **Cheese & Bacon Roll** $2.50
- **Cheesey Mite Scroll (V)** $2.50

## DRINKS:
- **Focus Water** $2.00
- **Water** $1.50
- **Large Juices** $2.50
- **Emma & Tom's Juices** $3.50
- **UP N' Go** $2.50
- **Big M 300ml** $2.50
- **Big M 600ml** $3.50
- **Milo, Tea, Coffee** $2.00
- **Schweppes Diet Cans** $2.70
- **Iced fruit slushy (small)** $2.20
- **Iced fruit slushy (large)** $3.20

## SANDWICHES & ROLLS.
- **Sandwich (V)** $3.50
- **Ham Salad** $3.50
- **Chicken Salad** $3.50
- **Egg Salad** $3.50
- **Egg & Lettuce** $3.50
- **Salad Roll (V)** $4.00
- **Ham, Cheese, Tomato** $3.50

## ALL SALADS CONTAIN:
- lettuce, cheese, beetroot, cucumber
- egg, pineapple, onion, tomato, carrot.

## SALADS BOXES:
- **Salad Box (without meat)** (V) $5.50
- **Salad Box (with meat)** $6.00
- **Wraps (half)** (V) $3.50
- **Wraps (Large)** (V) $6.00
- **Fresh fruit salad** $3.00
- **Sushi (mon & fri only)** (V) $3.00

## YOGHURTS:
- **Yoghurt** $2.50

## SNACKS:
- **Ice Creams** FROM $1.00
- **Pretzels** $0.80
- **Pop Corn** $1.00
- **Small Potato Chips** $1.20
- **J'ls** $1.20
- **Cornitos** $0.80
- **Coffee/Apple Scrolls** $2.50
- **Homemade Biscuits** FROM $0.50
- **Homemade Muffins** $2.50

## DAILY SPECIALS:
- **Mon:** Chick Chilli Strip Wrap $5.50
- **Tues:** Salad Day (prices will vary)
- **Wed:** Tuna, Avocado Bagel $5.50
- **Thurs:** Chicken Bahn Mi Rolls $5.50
- **Fri:** Chick, Bacon, Avocado Roll $5.50

**PLEASE NOTE:**
- Soy Sauce $0.10c
- Tomato Sauce $0.20c

**To avoid any disappointment all daily specials must be ordered by 11am**

**Please check daily board for other daily specials**
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL
COME TRY JUNIOR BASKETBALL

All Equipment Provided – Safe and Fun!!
TryBoys Stadium Geelong
1pm – 3pm
4th February
11th February
11th March
25th March
29th April
27th May
24th June
29th July
26th August
16th September
22nd October
25th October

MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE A BALL

KARDINIA HEALTH
Invites you to an Information Night on:

Tuning into Children & Teenagers

Need help connecting with your children? Want some guidance and expertise on how to approach your loved ones? Come and listen to Bhakti De Bon give some advice on how to tune into children and teenagers.

Wednesday 15th February, 6.30-8pm
At: Kardinia Health 2 – 18 Colac Road, Belmont
Presenter: Bhakti De Bon (Mental Health Clinician)
RSVP by Tuesday 14th February essential as places are limited
email: community.forums@kardiniahealth.com.au
or phone 03 5202 9333
Entry by Gold Coin Donation

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5278 8122
or avernon@bethany.org.au

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The program is funded by ABC and the Australian Government.

St Joseph’s Girls Football
FUn, FreNds, LeArimIng, FoOty, anD FItnerneSS

TRAIInINGS IS On – BRING A FRIENd
U’12, U’15 and U’19
Every Wednesday afterschool 5pm – 6.15pm
St Joseph’s SCHOOL, Zampatti Oval Shannon Ave

Queries: SUE 0428 197 789  sue.cormack@leisurenetworks.org

Girls Footy at St Joseph’s FNC
2017
U’12, U’15 & U’19 Teams
YOUR CHILDREN ARE AMAZING ALREADY. WE JUST HELP THEM PROVE IT.

From Prep to Year 10, NumberWorks’nWords after-school tuition brings out the best in Aussie students by:
- tailoring lessons according to each individual’s needs
- setting achievable goals and monitoring their progress
- developing our own programmes using only qualified Maths and English experts

KICKSTART AND ALL NATIONS REGIONAL TRIAL DAY

Note: Please bring runners for training.

To be eligible for the Kickstart program, participants must come from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

To be eligible for the All Nations program, participants must be born overseas.

To be eligible for both programs, participants must be between 14-15 years old (born 2002-2003)

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