Welcome back to everyone for 2013! I especially welcome our new Year 7 students, who have had a fabulous start in their new school, and I also welcome the many new students who have joined our college community in other year levels across the college, and who have come to our school from numerous locations from either close to Daylesford or from locations all over Australia!

I am also delighted to welcome many new and returning staff to our college this year as follows:

**Ms Penelope Ellis** - Maths and Middle Learning Community Manager
**Ms Sandra Norsen** - English
**Mr Edwards Williams** - English
**Ms Benita Champion** - English & Humanities
**Mr John Peart** - Humanities and Accounting
**Mr Michael Timcke** - Instrumental Music - Woodwind
**Mr Jacob Haeusler** - PE/Health
**Mr Stephen Darroch** - Student Support
**Mr Scott Wooden** - Student Support
**Ms Louise Power** - ICT Support
**Mr Sean Coleman** - Technology

We are delighted to have so many new teachers and support staff join our college community this year, and we are all very excited about the year ahead of us.

I wish to congratulate all of our 2012, Year 12 students, who over the holiday period, received notice of their University or Further Education offers. I am delighted to say that all of our students received their first choice options, and will be completing courses such as Bio-medicine, Geology, Nursing, Teaching, Commerce, Engineering, Law, The Arts, Hospitality and more. We are very proud of you all and wish you every success in your future endeavors!

Our fantastic start to 2013 is a reflection of our KICKSTART program that began at the end of 2012. I thank those parents and guardians who provided us with extremely valuable feedback around this program, and we look forward to making it even better at the end of this year.

Our College is also extremely pleased to now have Ballan included in our Neighbourhood Zone. Students who reside in the Ballan area now are able to access our school bus network as their neighbourhood school. Parents are encouraged to contact the College if they have any questions or require further information about this matter.

It is also fantastic news that our College will be involved in a program known as the “Mates Mentor Program” during 2013. You may have seen information about this program advertised within our community. This is a highly valuable program that links community members and students together as mates and mentors. Our College is currently seeking community members who would like to volunteer a very small amount of time each month to become a “mates mentor”. Again, please contact the College,
or Gina Scuffins at the Highland Local Learning and Employment Network on 5336 5030 if you are interested.

Please read the following information updates carefully as we begin yet another new year.

**Australian Education Union - Update**

Unfortunately, we find ourselves in a position where negotiations with the Victorian Government regarding the employment conditions of both teacher and education support staff continue. As such, our College will be affected again by this ongoing dispute on Thursday 14th February due to a state wide stop-work action. Parents and guardians will receive a letter regarding how this will impact our school on Friday 8th February.

**School Phone:**
The college phone is available for student use during the day for emergency matters only. Parents are reminded that the college phone is not a means for students to arrange social events outside of school hours. We also remind parents and guardians, should you need to contact your son or daughter during the school day, please ring our General Office and your message will be communicated immediately. We advise that contacting your son or daughter via their mobile phone is not appropriate as students are not permitted to have their phone during school hours.

**Uniform**
Thank you so much to all our parents and guardians who have been patient in the arrival of our new uniform items. I am delighted to report, that even though we await the arrival of numerous items, our students are adhering to our new uniform policy, and they already look amazing and are wearing their uniform with “pride” as a student of Daylesford Secondary College. Many students have approached me since our return to school eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new shirts, trousers & shorts, ties, blazers and jumpers. I cannot thank our parent community enough for your support and patience in this matter. We ask that all Year 7 students wear their PE Uniform, or as close to college uniform over the next week whilst you await the arrive of your orders. Thank you again for your support and patience.

**Make Up, Jewellery, Hair Accessories, Piercings and Tattoos**

**DEECD Policy stipulates that:** Jewellery, hat cords, chin straps and drawstrings present risks of injury or strangulation, particularly when worn in the head and neck area.

As such, the following applies at Daylesford Secondary College:

- The College believes that there has to be a balance established in allowing people to express their individuality in any environment and asking them to conform to group behaviour. We also believe young people should be encouraged to understand that individuality need not just be expressed by physical appearance. Make up, nail polish, hair accessories, and jewellery are allowed, however, they should be minimal and unobtrusive. Necklaces need to be under clothes. School badges are permitted on items of clothing. Studs or sleepers are allowed in ears; however, large earrings are not permitted for safety reasons. This includes any stud type item that is pointy in nature.
- The College does not accept responsibility for loss of jewellery or infections caused by jewellery. Jewellery must be removed for Sport, Physical Education, and in some practical classes, such as Woodwork and Metalwork.
- **PIERCINGS** - The College understands that students express their individuality via piercings, and in particular facial piercings. Where a student has a facial piercing the following conditions apply:
  - Studs are the only form of piercing item that may be worn in either the nose, lips or eyebrows. Sleepers, rings or hoops of any kind are not permitted as facial piercings. A clear ball must be worn on these studs. Points, darts, arrows etc. are NOT permitted as piercing items. Nose rings and tongue piercings must not be visible at any time.
- **TATTOO’S** - Must not be visible at any time. This may require the student to wear a long sleeve item of uniform at all times.

**College Council Elections**
I inform our College Community of the numerous positions that are available on College Council for 2013 and 2014. We are now seeking nominations from parents to fill 5 vacancies. Nomination forms are available from the general office and are also included in this newsletter edition. Parents can either self-nominate, or be nominated by another. Positions that are currently up for re-nomination include those formally held by Mr Tim Ferrier, Mr Andrew Cooper, Mr Steve O’Connor, Mr Chris Hartigan, and Mrs Donna O’Mara. Other than Mrs O’Mara, all positions have reached their two year expiration period and Mrs O’Mara has decided to take a break from this role after several years of tireless work and commitment in supporting our college. I look forward to receiving many parent nominations as we continue to look towards the bright future of our college, and I cannot thank enough all current members whose election period has now elapsed, including Mrs Donna O’Mara for their dedicated work in supporting our college. Parents are reminded that no experience as a member of any committee is needed to nominate for council, and we indeed welcome all nominations.

**Miss Holt 😊**
from Mr White
Assistant Principal

2013 School Captains
Congratulations to the following students on their election.

Tim Bull
College Captain

Kara Cooper
College Captain

Angus Banks
College Vice Captain

Jessica Volf
College Vice Captain

Student Timetables & Diaries
All students should have their individual timetable and a 2013 School Diary. The diary outlines many of the school policies and is essential for students to be able to manage their study tasks effectively. We urge all parents of students to encourage full use of the diary. Parents who would like a copy of their son’s or daughter’s timetable may request a copy via a note from home.

College News & Notices

Conveyance Travel Allowance
Application forms are now available from the business manager in the General Office.
Eligibility criteria ~ Students must live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from
• the nearest government school, or
• bus stop
Conveyance allowance is not available to fare paying passengers. Students travelling to Ballarat to attend TAFE or RTOs can also access a small amount per day. Details are available from college business manager.

Please note: Forms CANNOT be accepted after Monday 25th February, 2013

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
Parents/Guardians - Claims for the first instalment of Education Maintenance Allowance 2013 are due now. You must have a current Health Care Card to be eligible.
Forms CANNOT be accepted after Wednesday 28th February, 2013.

Presentation Night 2012
There are spare copies of last year’s Presentation Night Booklet available. If anyone would like to get one please collect them at the front office.

Scholastic Bookclub

2013 Scholastic Bookclub is running this year. You can pick up a brochure, which are now available from the Library. Please make sure that they are returned no later than Mon 11th Feb.

Student Engagement & Wellbeing

HPV Vaccine
Boys are now eligible to receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine and this will be provided to both girls and boys in the school based vaccination program for 2013.

• Boys and girls in Year 7. Provided the three dose course is started in Year 7, students have until the end of Year 8 to complete the course.
• Boys in Year 9 will also be offered the vaccine as part of a national catch-up initiative in 2013 and 2014 only.

Visit www.hpvvaccine.org.au for more information.

Student Breakfast

Special Pancake breakfast for Students
Tuesday 12th Feb
8.30-9.00am School Canteen area.

Sports

Swimming Sports 2013
The swimming sports will be held on Wednesday 20th February at the Daylesford Swimming Pool. This is a compulsory school event for both swimmers and non-swimmers.

We ask all students to get behind the day by wearing house colours, cheering and competing in events. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and cheer.

There will be no pass-outs this year, so students will need to bring lunch from home. There will be a BBQ available for students to buy a sausage or hamburger. Students will be dismissed from the pool at 3.20pm.

There are many jobs on the day that can be difficult to staff, and we are seeking assistance from parents and friends with this on the day, jobs could include, setting up, packing up or during the carnival, such as time keeping. Any assistance would be much appreciated.

If you are able to assist on the day could they please contact Ms Natalie Kirby on 53482367.
Congratulations to the following students and teachers who have taken on leadership roles in the respective houses.

**Flinders**

*House Teachers:* Mrs Olver
*Captains:* Sophie Shewell
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*Vice-Captains:* Maddie Nettleton

*Boys Houses*

*House Teachers:* Mr Geddes

*Captains:* Finn Anscombe

*Vice-Captains:* Jack Simmonds

**Sturt**

*House Teachers:* Ms Williams
*Captains:* Izzy Vanzetta

*Vice-Captains:* Jade Harrison

**Hume**

*House Teachers:* Ms Dowell
*Captains:* Kelly Matheson-Miller

*Vice-Captains:* Annie Balharrie

**Burke**

*House Teachers:* Mr Gooding
*Captains:* Nicola Russell

*Vice-Captains:* Jenna Bruton

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**Senior Learning Community**

**Year 12 English**

By now, year 12 students should have read and viewed all of the texts that we are studying this year. Many students have not finished *Year of Wonders*, so it is imperative that they make this a top priority. Parents can lend support by also reading and familiarising themselves with the texts and monitoring what we are doing in class by asking students to show them our class website at [https://sites.google.com/a/daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au/dsc-year-12-english/home](https://sites.google.com/a/daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au/dsc-year-12-english/home) (this can easily be found on the school's website by following the prompts from Student Quick Links; please note, parents will need their child to log in order to access the site).

Any questions regarding year 12 English should be directed to Ms Williams at: swills@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au

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**Junior Learning Community**

**Year 7 Swimming Trials**

The Year 7 Swimming trials will be held during period 5 & 6 on Friday 8th February. All year 7s will need to attend this event and should bring bathers, a towel, water, sunscreen and any other swimming equipment they require.

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**Year 7 Fundraiser**

The Year 7 students of 2012, who raised $150 in the fundraiser for UNICEF. This donation will help to supply children with a clean supply of water. UNICEF will provide them with water pumps, taps and pipes and also train local community members to maintain these water systems.

Well done Year 7 students!

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**Maths**

The mathematics department would like to welcome its new member of staff Ms Penelope Ellis. Once again Maths after school help will be held on Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in room B4. Come along and get help with both your school work and homework.

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**Junior & Middle School Maths Homework**

Math homework for Junior and Middle school classes are due as below.

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If you have any queries contact your classroom teacher.

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**Music Fee Readjustments**

Within the Explanation of Charges booklet that was given to parents at the end of last year (or this year), there appears to be a number of errors regarding the various music fees. We apologize for this misprint. The correct amounts should be as follows:

- Instrumental lessons - $25 per term
- Instrument Hire - $40 per term
- Music Levy - $30 per year* (This only applies to certain students using school music equipment who DO NOT have instrumental lessons at the school.

Please speak to Greg Thomas for more details and if this applies to your child)
If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, tuition application forms and instrument hire forms can be collected next to the general office window at any time. Completed forms can be handed into the general office.

MIPS & Careers Update

Week 2 Term 1 2013
Congratulations to our 2012 year 12 students. Most students have obtained entry into their desired courses. We wish them luck and every success!

Year 11 & 12 Students
TSFX are offering a program ‘Mastering the VCE’. This is a unique program that has been valuable study skills advice:

- powerful, effective and time saving learning techniques
- boost confidence, reduce procrastination and motivate students
- detailed course notes will be provided to all student on the day

Valued at over $300, these lectures are FREE OF CHARGE. *However students are required to make a donation (minimum of $10) to the charity representatives that will be in attendance on the day. 50% of the proceeds collected will be donated to Beyond Blue and 50% will be donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Venue: The University of Melbourne (Parkville Campus)
Dates: Sunday 17, Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 February 2013
Students may register for the program online (www.tsfx.com.au). Vacancies strictly limited.

Year 11 Girls
The 8th "Women of Note – Daylesford Mentor Breakfast' will be held on Wednesday 20th March. Students who are interested in attending should see Ms Cattanach for an 'expression of interest form' and ask the girls who attended in 2012 for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity for students.

Year 10 Students
Students should now have their Work Experience forms and be seeking placement for 15-19th July.
A reminder that all year 10 students that need to (successfully) complete their OH&S training prior to Work Experience.

NEW 2013 Catch-up, Cuppa & Cake
The first social catch-up was at Harvest Cafe on the first day of school.
Some of the questions on the day
Q. How to contact teachers?
A. Through the office 5348 2367, and there is now voicemail for messages to be left for teachers
Q. How do I know the names of the teachers if my child can’t remember?
A. The teacher's code is on the student's timetable - ring the office to match the codes/names
Q. For the harder questions, I recommended parents contact the Junior, Middle or Senior Learning Community managers and/or student welfare.

Last week all students were given a diary. Students record work to be done, important dates and is useful for communicating between the school and parents.

Next planned Catch-up, Cuppa and Cake is in two weeks’ time on 22nd February 9 – 10.30am and then the last Friday of the month (none during school holidays). If you want a cuppa and cake deal its $6.50 @ Harvest Cafe 39 Albert St, Daylesford.

Uniform Supplies
Thanks for parent and student patience during the change of uniform manufacturer and retailer. The change in the uniform manufacturer meant re-specifying and re-approving all uniform items including logos, a much longer process than we initially thought. This has led to the delay in items being available.

Thank you Rodney and staff at Daylesford Clothing for all the effort they are making to assist in the change. Also thanks to Tiffany Holt for her involvement this has enabled the change to happen in 2013 not 2014.

The uniform committee have recently approved the girl’s dress and are waiting to do the same for the skirt. We look forward to these two items being available in term two at Daylesford Clothing.

There is stock available at Double C in Daylesford and Lowes in Ballarat.

Contact Details for FSPC
Donna O’Mara on fspc@daylesfordsc.vic.edu.au or 5348-7970

Community News

Volleyball @ the ARC
The new volleyball season commences on Monday 18th February with social division at 6.30 pm and open division at 7.30 pm.
Free games and fun nights are to be held on the 11th February at 6.30 pm.
So parents, teachers and students come along and have a try, make new friends, get a little bit fit and have a volley – ball of a time.
Contact Colin Priest 5348 7674

Melissa Banks Music Studio Daylesford
Teaching Piano, French Horn, Trumpet and Theory
Member of the BSO (Ballarat Symphony Orchestra) And BWO (Ballarat Wind Orchestra)
Beginners to advanced: AMEB, Jazz or Popular. BMUS (Bachelor of Music)
Do you love to sing?

A dynamic, contemporary singing group for young people (high school age) is starting in Daylesford. Facilitators: Anni Coyne and Suzanne Hobson

Rehearsal venue: Daylesford Primary School Music Room (TBC)

Time: Mondays 4 – 5.15pm, free try out 25th February.

For more information, please email Suzanne at gshobson@mmnet.com.au. Places limited, so get in quick!

Daylesford Youth Group

Youth Group is hitting Jubilee Lake for Canoeing, Games and a BBQ! All high schoolers welcome!!!

WHEN: Friday 22 Feb, WHERE: The Rock
TIME: 5:30-8:00PM, COST: $10pp ($17 for 2 family members)
RSVP: Elaine Anderson 0443 355 992

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Trentham Neighbourhood Centre

KITE MAKING

Hey kids!
Personally decorate your kite & watch it fly!

Tutor: John Newberry
When: Friday 24th Feb 4-6pm
Cost: $10

CREATIVE WRITING

For beginners

Enjoy learning the basics in a relaxed workshop. Doreen will help you improve your skills & feel more confident about your writing.

Tutor: Doreen Dahynple
When: Wed 7-9pm (6 weeks from 20th Feb)
Cost: $50

After Hours Yoga

Achieve total relaxation, understand your body’s weaknesses, become more flexible & stronger & further develop your breathing capacities. Achieve greater understanding, clarity, peace of mind & joyfulness. (Bring mat)

Tutor: Helen Becker
When: Weds 7:30-8:30pm every Wednesday
Cost: $80

Contact Details:
Telephone/Fax: 03 5424 1354
Email: Trentham@ourneighbourhood.org.au
PO Box 96, Trentham VIC 3458
Corner Market & High Streets
Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

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

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

\[ ....... / ....... / 2013 \] (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

\[ ....... / ....... / 2013 \] (insert date and year)

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.

[Signature]

Principal
School Council Elections
Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate .................................................. for an elected position as a parent member on the DAYLESFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE, school council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS
Name
Residential address
Contact phone (mobile or landline)
Email
I am the parent/guardian of .................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of .................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.
Yes / No (please circle)
Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator .................................................. Date .................................. / ..................................

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:
I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:
• an undischarged bankrupt
• of unsound mind
• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate .................................................. Date .................................. / ..................................

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.
Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 5348 2367.
If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

School Council Elections
Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the DAYLESFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE, school council.

Name:
Residential address:
Contact phone (mobile or landline):
Email:
I am the parent/guardian of .................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school.
Yes / No (please circle)
I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:
• an undischarged bankrupt
• of unsound mind
• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate .................................................. Date .................................. / ..................................

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