Orientation Day

Orientation Day for new students to The Peninsula School in 2016 will be held on Friday 29 January and students will be required at the Ansett Hall at 9.00am in school uniform. Students will be available to be collected from the School by 11.00am although parents are welcome to remain.

All students begin the school year on Monday 1 February. Students should proceed to the relevant area of the School (Year 5 and 6 to the D.B. Clarke Centre and Year 7 and 8 to the D. I. Perry Building) in school uniform by 8.30am. Students will meet their Wellbeing and Academic Mentor and timetables, lockers and record books will then be distributed. Please ensure that your son/daughter in Year 7 and 8 has a lanyard for their locker key. All students are required to have a clearly named Middle Years hat which must be worn outside at all times during Term 1 and 4. Boys are required to wear their tie to school on the first day, for ID photos on Wednesday 3 February and also Foundation Day Assembly on Tuesday 16 February. If they are wearing the February shirt a tie is not required for the remainder of that month. The Year 7 Notebook distribution date is Wednesday 3 February. Year 5 and 6 student notebooks will be available for students to use at school from Monday 1 February.

Key Middle Years personnel in 2016 are as follows:

Mrs Muriel Bakker: Head of Middle Years (Years 5, 6, 7 & 8)
Mrs Charlene Sanders: Director of Learning and Wellbeing Years 7 and 8
Mrs Jennyann North: Year 7 Program Coordinator
Mrs Melissa Newham: Year 8 Program Coordinator

If you have any queries regarding your son/daughter your first point of contact will be their Wellbeing and Academic Mentor or class teacher. By way of introduction each Mentor will make contact with the parents of the students in their care within the first two weeks of school.

Zenith is the primary source of all information for parents along with the Weekly Bulletin which is emailed home each week, or available from our website. Families new to the School will be emailed their login and password details for Zenith once school commences. For returning families those details will remain unchanged from 2015. Parents are encouraged to check Zenith regularly.

AGSV Sports training begins Week 1 and all students in Years 7 and 8 will be able to access their sports and training times from their year level noticeboards and on Zenith. The first fixed round of sport will be held on Saturday 6 February. Most students will be required for this fixture and details regarding times and venues can be accessed from coaches or via Wellbeing and Academic Mentors in the first days of term. Physical Education classes will begin on the first day of the year and students will need to bring their PE uniforms. Any queries regarding sport (Year 7 and 8) should be directed to Mr Stephen Brennan 9788 7858 or Mrs Amanda Stoiss 9788 7619. Mr Maesson Harbour is the contact for Year 5 and 6 sport 9788 7612.
Information Evenings will be held on the following dates:

Year 5    Thursday 25 February 7.00pm Pavilion
Year 7    Wednesday 3 February 7.00pm Ansett Hall
Year 8    Thursday 18 February 6.00pm Ansett Hall

Mentor Evenings
Mentor Evenings will allow parents the opportunity to make a 10 minute appointment with their child’s Mentor early in Term 1. Parents are encouraged to avail themselves of this opportunity to meet with their Mentor and to highlight any specific learning needs that their son or daughter may have. Details of how to login to secure your appointment will be forwarded early in the term.

The dates are as follows:

Year 5 - 7 Thursday 11 February (4.00pm – 8.30pm Pavilion)
Year 8    Thursday 18 February (4.00pm – 8.30pm Pavilion)

All Middle Years students will be attending a camp during Term 1.

The dates are as follows:

Year 5    Monday 7 March – Wednesday 9 March
Year 6    Tuesday 16 February – Friday 19 February
Year 7    Monday 7 March – Friday 11 March
Year 8    Monday 7 March – Friday 11 March

Learning Dialogues (involving Parents/Teachers/Students) are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

Semester One: Year 5 – 6 Tuesday 22 March (4.00pm – 8.30pm) Pavilion
               Wednesday 23 March (4.00pm – 8.30pm) Pavilion
Year 7 – 8   Monday 18 April (4.00pm – 7.30pm) Zammit Centre
               Tuesday 26 April (4.00pm – 7.30pm) Zammit Centre
Semester Two: Year 5 – 6 Tuesday 6 September (4.00pm – 8.30pm) Pavilion
               Wednesday 7 September (4.00pm – 8.30pm) Pavilion
Year 7 – 8   Thursday 8 September (4.00pm – 7.30pm) Zammit Centre

Note: It is compulsory for Year 7 and 8 students to attend Celebration Evening which will be held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 at the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Clayton.
I would like to take this opportunity to explain to parents some of the procedural details of the School:

- If a student is absent parents are required to ring before 10am to notify the School (9788 7777) and provide a note to the Wellbeing and Academic Mentor or class teacher on the student’s return. Students will not be able to leave school during the day unless they are able to provide written permission from their parents outlining the reasons for their early departure.
- Should a Year 7 or 8 student need to depart early they should bring their note to their Wellbeing and Academic Mentor who will issue an Early Departure Slip. At the appointed time the student is to electronically sign out at the School Marshal’s office (Mr Mitch Brennan) and submit the slip.
- Year 7 and 8 students who arrive late to school must sign in with the School Marshal, using their ID card, and provide a written explanation for their lateness.
- Year 5 and 6 students are to sign in at Reception if they arrive late to school with a note explaining the reason they are late. Year 5 and 6 students departing early must be signed out by a parent/guardian at Reception.
- We encourage parents not to take their son/daughter out of school during term time. If this is unavoidable, however, a written application for leave greater than three days must be addressed to the Principal.

It is expected that all students will present themselves in an exemplary fashion. We ask parents to be attentive to the following matters relating to student appearance:

- Girls’ summer dress hem lines must sit mid knee or longer
- Boys’ summer shorts require a school belt
- All hair styles are to be neat and of a uniform colour befitting the image of the School
- Any hair ribbons should be navy blue or red for formal occasions. No coloured clips or hair bands other than the thin hair band that can be purchased from the uniform shop
- Jewellery should be limited to a watch and simple gold/silver studs or sleepers in the lower earlobe for girls
- No students should be wearing make-up

Mobile phones may be brought to school by students in Year 7 and 8 but must be switched off prior to the school day beginning. Students are to secure their phones in their lockers during the school day and not switch them on again until leaving at the end of the day. Year 5 and 6 students are not permitted to bring a mobile phone to school. If there are exceptional circumstances that require a student to have a phone at school a letter explaining the reasons why needs to be addressed to myself and the phone handed in to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day.

Please enjoy the remaining days of your summer break. I look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Yours sincerely

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