

COLLEGE TIMES



YEAR 7 CAMP MARYSVILLE



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A focus on high standards: Congratulations to Chelley Suner.

Our Year 12 Dux for 2017 was Chelley Suner. Congratulations to our Dux Chelley Suner who has received a first preference offer for a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne. Chelley was a dedicated student who displayed a very consistent effort to ensure she got the best results possible.

We continue to work hard to ensure that every one of our students is successful. We had success with our Year 12 Study Centre, that opened last year in order to support the development of positive study habits. We also have our VCE improvement coach, Kacey Ambrus, who is working with VCE teachers weekly during our professional learning time, to support the analysis of data from previous years results and in the adoption of best practice teaching procedures in the classroom – one critical factor being effective feedback to students.

Teacher Professional Learning

On Tuesday 20th February, we welcomed Dr. Jane Pollock to the college to work with teaching staff on teaching strategies that are proven to have a positive impact on student learning, and introducing us to her instructional model. Dr. Pollock's work is highly regarded in the United States of America and beyond, and we look forward to working with her on a number of other occasions across the year.

High cost subjects

A final reminder to families that High Cost subject payments (or payment plans) are required to be established if your child is to participate in high cost materials/services and/or activities eg Connections, Foods, Outdoor Education as indicated on the booklist. A number of reminders have been sent both last year and this year. We don't want any students to miss out on the practical aspects of these subjects but the school is responsible only for 'tuition' or teaching – not for costs of material/services.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

College Council Thanks

Our School Council, led by Steve Bullock for the last 2 years, really does provide a high-level of support and guidance regarding the running of the school. Council had it's final meeting with current members earlier this month. I would like to thank out-going members for their tireless work and support over a number of years. This includes, Cindy Cooper for being a parent representative for an amazing 11 years, Jan Bullock who has lead our Parents and Friends Committee for 5 years, Chris Charleson contribution including Treasurer and Vice-President over 5 years, and Steve Bullock for his membership for 4 years as well as leading the council for the last two. All outgoing members no longer have students attending. We look forward to welcoming new parents aboard in the near future.

Sarah Foley

Acting Principal

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College Calendar

February

- 26th Year 9 D Connections Overnight Hike @ Great Otway National Park, Lorne/Cumberland River
- 27th
- 27th Year 9 C Connections Overnight Hike @ Great Otway National Park, Lorne/Cumberland River
- 28th
- 28th Year 8 Immersive Experience Team Building, Biology and History Excursions
- 2nd

March

- 1st Unit 3 English SAC - Session 4
- 2nd Geelong Swimming Finals for qualified students

Upcoming Events

March

- 5th - 6th Year 9 B Connections Overnight Hike @ Great Otway National Park, Lorne/Cumberland River
- 6th VCE Physics Days @ Luna Park, Melbourne
- 6th - 7th Year 9 E Connections Overnight Hike @ Great Otway National Park, Lorne/Cumberland River
- 7th Year 11 Outdoor Education (Mr Johnson) Surfing in Anglesea

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We've recently created a Lara Secondary College official Facebook page. www.facebook.com/LaraSecondaryCollege.

'Like' us to keep in touch with some of the fantastic events happening at our college and to celebrate the achievements of our students.

Sascha Foster (ICT Admin Leader)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Year 7 Camp

It was great to see Year 7 students make new friends and develop team-work skills on our Year 7 Camp in Marysville. Bushwalking, Canoeing, Cycling, Rock-Climbing, Orienteering and Cooking were all on offer for all students throughout each day. Not to mention the Disco, Campfire and Games. It was great to see our students displaying our school values whilst on camp when interacting with all external staff.

College Information Evening

Our annual parent information evening for prospective students and families will be taking place on Thursday 22nd March at 6.00pm. This is an evening primarily for Grade 5 and 6 families, however families with younger children who are eager to learn about Lara Secondary College are most welcome. Information about the evening has recently been distributed to all of our local primary schools. If you have not received this information or are aware of families who would be interested in attending the evening please share this information with them.

Year 7 vaccinations in 2017

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses

Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/guardians of Year 7 students have already received and returned the vaccine consent card booklets.

The City of Greater Geelong Immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. A reminder to contact the school as soon as possible if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Greater Geelong immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au or immunehero.health.vic.gov.au.

Year 8 Immersion Excursions

The Year 8 excursion program will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Students will attend three different excursions, which are all linked to the Term 1 curriculum. These excursions include:

Surfing, Ocean Grove;

This excursion is linked to the Personal Challenge curriculum that students explore in TLC. Surfing lessons will also encompass team building activities and encourage students push themselves outside of their comfort zones.

Chinese Museum, Melbourne;

This excursion relates to the Humanities curriculum, which has a focus on Immigration. Students will complete activities conducted by the Museum staff, which will focus on the experience of Chinese immigrants in Australia.

The Zoo, Melbourne;

Students will study biodiversity and conservation through challenge based learning in the 'Call of the Wild' program. This will support their focus on Biology in Science classes.

Year 10 Immunisations

Early next week all Year 10 students will be coming home with the parent consent cards for the Meningococcal W immunisation. These immunisations will not take place until August and to ensure that the vaccine is ordered in advance for your child, all consent forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 2nd March. Meningococcal immunisations are important as there has been an increase in the number of cases of students in this age group contracting meningococcal so the Victorian Government has extended the offer of free meningococcal immunisations.

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Year 7E Food Technology class

loved making Berry Muffins.

Great to see all of the smiling faces as some of our newest students settle into their years of secondary school.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss 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 outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist 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 student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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EVENT DETAILS

DATE	Monday 19 March 2018
TIME	7.00–8.30pm Light supper available from 6.30pm
LOCATION	Moolap & Barrabool Hills Baptist Church 4–32 Province Boulevard, Highton
RSVP	Please register at: https://michaelcarrgreggparentingforum.eventbrite.com.au
AGE	Designed for parents/carers of young people aged 10–16 years




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Sunday 18th March, 2018
10.00am-3.00pm



Auction
Open Air Market
White Elephant
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Animal Farm
Book Fair



House of Horrors
Games & Competitions
Jams & Produce
Dancing
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Little River Primary School
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Lara Wildcats Baseball



Pre-Season

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*Lara Wildcats invite all Seniors & Juniors down
that wish to play in the upcoming Winter Season.*

*Pre-Season will start on Sunday 4th of March @ 9 - 11am
and Wednesday @ 5.30 - 7.30pm at the Lara Baseball Field
and this will continue on until the Season starts.
So come down to meet the coaches and players if
you or your child is looking for a new sport!*

For more information please contact us



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Lara Football Club Women's Team 2018 Join in and Play the Great Aussie Game!!



The Lara Football Club
are now recruiting.



Do you want to try a new sport?



Get fit, have fun, make friends?



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Training Mon & Wed 7-8pm
at the Lara Primary School Oval.

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Women's Team 2018
for updates

Season kicks off early April. Sunday afternoon matchday.