



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been lovely to come back to an almost "normal" start of school. The changes to restrictions has meant that staff and students should be wearing a mask while indoors. While we acknowledge that this is an inconvenience it is an important step to keep us safe.

Year 7

The next couple of weeks will be busy for our Year 7 students. On February 18 and 19 they will have their Bonding Days. These days are run by our VCAL students who do a superb job of keeping the Year 7 students involved in the activities. Permission slips for the Bonding Days are due back. Please make sure these have been returned to the front office to ensure these days run smoothly.

The Year 7 information evening will be held on Wednesday, February 24. This evening will have a different format this year as a result of COVID, with the classes being staggered to reduce the number of people onsite. Further information regarding this evening was sent home earlier this week.

Swimming Sports

The College Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday, February 16. This is always a great day for staff and students. Unfortunately, this year we won't be able to have parents visiting the pool and food cannot be delivered during the day to students. Longhurst has dominated the swimming sports over the last few years. Is 2021 the year when one of the other Houses enjoys victory?

School Photos

School photographs were taken this week. If you would like to order school photos you can still do so by accessing the Leading Image website. You will need the shoot key on the envelope which you would have received last week. If you have lost your envelope, shoot keys can be obtained from the front office at school.

Andrew Sartori - Principal

SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2021

February 12-14	Year 12 Clontarf Leadership Camp
February 16	House Swimming Sports
February 18	Year 7 Bonding Days - 7D, 7E, 7F
February 19	Year 7 Bonding Days - 7A, 7B, 7C
February 23	Interschool Swimming Sports
February 23-24	Clontarf Year 7 Induction Camp
February 24	Year 7 Meet the Teacher night
March 8	Labour Day Holiday
March 9	Clontarf Employment Day
March 15-19	Clontarf Harmony Week

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Swan Hill Mayor, Bill Moar attended the Year 7 assembly last week and presented the Australia Day Awards to five of our students. The College congratulates **Josephine Thomson, Imogen Lusty, Breanna Coe, Skye Prentice, and Madeline Walker** on their impressive achievements in 2020, which are recognised by this award, and we look forward to supporting their continued growth in the future.

Sarah Sutton
Junior School Manager



JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Year 7 Bonding Days

These are running on Thursday, February 18 for students in 7D, 7E, and 7F. Students in 7A, 7B, and 7C will attend on Friday, February 19. If Lake Boga is unavailable we will use our alternate location, Lake Charm. Students will need to wear appropriate clothing and closed shoes on the day, and bring their recess and lunch. Food will not be available to purchase.

Year 7 Meet the Parents Night

This will be on Wednesday, February 24. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teachers, and sign up for Daymap and Maths Pathways with the help of our IT technicians. A note was sent home with students this week with more information about how this event will run. Please note that due to COVID restrictions **only the Year 7 student and one adult will be able to attend**. Adults will be required to scan a QR code to sign in when they arrive for their session.

Sarah Sutton - Junior School Manager

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

This event will be held on Tuesday 16th February at the outdoor swimming pool and is a whole school activity. Students will attend school as usual and be transported to the pool by bus. **Masks must be worn whilst on the bus** and at the pool if social distancing is not possible. Students are encouraged to dress in House colours. The Year 12 students' dress up parade will be held prior to the commencement of races.

A letter with COVID requirements was emailed home to parents last week and is on the school Facebook page. **Students are expected to stay at the pool for the whole day**. Students are to bring their food or purchase from the BBQ or canteen. **No food deliveries will be allowed on the day**.

LEARNING IN SCIENCE

With classes in full swing students have been learning in fun and creative ways.

Miss Evans' Year 10s explored the water cycle by making their own terrariums. They will be monitoring the progress of their plants at home.

Mrs Lochery's VCE psychology students were busy building play-doh models of neurons and synapses to help understand how the brain works.



Year 10 students pictured with their terrariums.



VCE Psychology students and their play-doh models.