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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Swan Hill College Community to the 2025 school year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and encourage you all to reach out if you need anything at all. To our Year 12 students, how exciting to have reached this milestone! Now comes the hard work as your final year will fly by.

Over the holidays, significant improvements have been made across both campuses. Work has started between our D and E Blocks to create a better outdoor area. Walls have been painted and plastered, deep cleaning has been completed in all rooms and cameras have been installed in some classrooms. Our new Junior FLO area has been painted and set up, and our office staff have been busy setting up families for the 2025 school year. I would like to sincerely thank all the staff who came in during the holidays to help us get ready.

As a leadership team, we are setting goals for the 2025 year focused on making our teachers' instructional model more consistent and reflective of our students' needs. Additionally, we aim to further enhance our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) framework by implementing classroom management strategies that are consistent across the College. With a new leadership team this year, I know Cameron, Luke, Sarah, Gabe, and I are excited to collaborate and work alongside our dedicated staff to achieve these goals.

As we begin 2025, it's timely to ensure all our students are in full uniform and ready to learn with the right equipment. If you need support in either of these areas, please reach out to the Year Level Managers, who are more than willing to assist.

In Week 3, we'll hold our much anticipated House Swimming Carnival. It's always a highlight for the College. Who will take the trophy this year – Ogden, Glendinning, Wells, or Longhurst? Regardless of the results, spirits will be high, the pool will be buzzing, and the BBQ will be sizzling. Year 12 will host the fun and colorful parade, and families are warmly invited to come along and cheer for their students.

I'm truly excited about the 2025 school year and all the opportunities it holds. We have a wealth of activities and programs available at both campuses, our student leaders are keen and eager, and our staff are committed to helping students embrace these opportunities to grow both academically and personally. I look forward to working with our incredible community to make this a year to remember.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT

Time to wake up, school is back! I hope that everyone had a fun filled and well needed holiday break, utilising the time to reset and refresh for the huge year ahead. I personally know that my fellow Year 12 peers are keen for a year stacked with memories and fun for the final stretch of our journey at Swan Hill College.

To kickstart the year boldly, I am encouraging everyone to get involved with the upcoming House Swimming Carnival on the 12th of February and have your say in which Year 12 outfits you favour most, without forgetting to get in the water to earn your house some points! There are plenty of whispers and preparations in the works, no doubt the carnival this year will be one for the books!

One of my personal favourite parts of the new school year is seeing all the new fresh faces floating around the school. The School Captains Ruby, Seth, Alix, Eva, Archie, and I, alongside the rest of the Swan Hill College community, would like to welcome any new families or any returning families to the community. We hope you settle in quickly and prepare for an eventful journey ahead.

Overall, like many others, I am incredibly excited to get right back into the year, see plenty of friendly and familiar faces and make a positive impact on my school community. I am particularly looking forward to seeing the lovely canteen ladies yet again and have been thinking of them all holidays. Good luck to all students with their studies this year, especially my fellow Year 12 peers, do not hesitate to reach out and communicate with your teachers, Year Level Managers, and friends about needing extra help with study or just wanting to catch up. Support each other and let us make 2025 an awesome year!

Dekoda Barber – School Captain

LEADERSHIP TEAM

In 2025, we welcome our new leadership team comprising of De Rosewarne who, after being appointed at the end of 2024, officially takes on the role this year. Also appointed at the end of 2024 in the roles of Assistant Principals were Sarah Sutton, Luke Dalton and Gabe Mudge. Gabe is based at our FLO Campus, and Sarah and Luke at our Pye St. Campus. Cameron Whitlock continues his new role as Business Manager, being appointed part way through 2024.



NEW STAFF



It is with great pleasure we welcome the following staff to Swan Hill College.

Back row L-R: Tichaona Chikwature (Humanities/Maths/Accounting), Kieran McLaughlin (FLO - Student Support), Grace Brown (Careers), Oscar Holland (PE/AFL Traineeship), Paul Vanderhorst (Maths/Science)

Front Row L-R: Edison Suarez (English), Virginia Allen (FLO - Teaching Staff), Maddison O'Neil Crozier (FLO - Student Support), Koben Ryan (PE/AFL Traineeship).



SWAN HILL COLLEGE CALENDAR 2025

February 12	House Swimming Carnival
February 18	Division Swimming Carnival
February 25	PBS Leadership Day
March 4	LMR Summer Sports
March 6	VET Engineering White Card Course
March 7	Student Free Day—Staff PD
March 10	Labour Day Holiday
March 11	LMR Swimming VET Comm Services First Aid Course
March 12	VET Build & Construction White card Course
March 12-24	NAPLAN
March 13	VET Sport, Aquatics & Rec First Aid Course (JDO)
March 14	VET Sport, Aquatics & Rec First Aid Course (KIR)
March 18-19	VET Build & Construction First Aid Course
March 21	Year 7 Bonding Day (A)
March 28	Year 7 Bonding Day (B)
March 31-April 4	Year 12 Camp