Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to school. We have hit the ground running and students are well underway exploring their new curriculum. The Year 7s had a wonderful start to the year with the Three Day Transition program. I have only seen one student who didn’t know where to go but he knew to come to the front office to find out. The transition program culminated in the wonderful Iron Form Day where the Year 7 Home Groups competed with each other to win team based cooperative activities. The emphasis was on team building, friendly competition and respectful relationships. Each Home Group developed a name, chants, signs and mascots. Home Group 7L2 was the final victor but really, we all won because it was a really fun day.

Along with welcoming new students to the Copperfield College family, we of course welcome their families. The Information nights we ran this week were one of the many opportunities to get involved in College life. Four College Council parent representative positions are up for nomination; nomination forms are available from the front office – pop in or ask you child to pick one up. Our Parents and Friends group is another way to get involved; their first project this year is to trial the new Copperfield College App. If you would like to find out about just how to get involved please refer to the item further in this newsletter.

We also welcome six new staff members to Kings Park this year:

- Ms Tma Tsaloukis is our new Years 9 and 10 Campus Leader
- Mr Brian Keely is our new Health and PE teacher
- Ms Tasha Ong is teaching Maths and Science across all year levels
- Mr Rushen Alkan has moved from the senior campus and is taking Years 9 and 10 English
- Ms Kavita Tandon has moved from the Sydenham campus to teach Maths and Science
- Ms Chris James is teaching junior Art and Technology one day per week.

There has been an excellent take up rate of the student notebooks, at last count I think there were only 23 left to be collected.

Please ensure that you and your child read and understand the User Agreement; there are clear instructions in it designed to ensure safe and sustainable use of the technology.

Your child may have come home with an application for Student Leadership. Please encourage your child to get involved; it doesn’t mean they have to attend everything student leaders are in, they may have a particular interest they can further through involvement, for example performance, sport days, environmental issues, SRC, community work etc.

Last week saw the College’s Scholarship presentations where the new Year 7 winners were introduced and the continuing Year 8 winners reflected on their first year at Copperfield. It was a joyful occasion to see some of the bright lights in our student body; of course we have many others. Scholarships are awarded for Academic Excellence, Leadership and Community and Performing Arts.

If your child missed out on the immunisations this week, please get in touch with the Brimbank Council to find out what your options are so your child does not miss out on these important injections.

Parent portal. Look out for information about the Parent Portal which is about to be launched. Eventually it will enable you to see your child’s attendance, class by class, what assignments are due etc. The first interaction you will have will be to book Parent/Teacher/Student interview times for April 1. Support will be offered to those who are not confident with computers. It is an exciting innovation that will enhance communication between home and school.

Next week is a busy one with Swimming Sports all day Tuesday 18th February. Please ensure your child returns the permission slip signed, or they will not be able to attend. Spare forms are on our website. School photos are on Thursday 20th February. Forms were handed out in Home Group, if your child lost it there are some spares at the front office. The forms and money are to be given to the photographers on Thursday. Please do not send them in any earlier.

Pip Griffiths and Renato Carinci
College Principals
**School Council Elections**

At Copperfield College we believe that successful student outcomes flow from the successful collaboration of the school with students and their parents. We encourage all parents and carers to be active in this partnership and to consider joining the College School Council. Information about the coming School Council elections is enclosed with this newsletter. Any parent or carer who would like to know more about the council is invited to contact Mr Tony Simpson, College Principal.

**Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Copperfield College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from any Campus General Office and must be lodged at any General Office by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 26th February 2014.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 12th March 2014.

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.

Tony Simpson  
College Principal

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

AMES needs friendly people with patience, a sense of humour, fluent English and 2 spare hours each week to help new arrivals learn English and settle in Australia.

You will make a new friend and learn about a new culture. No qualifications or experience needed and free training and ongoing support provided.

Your help would be invaluable. Contact Rosemary Harman on 9366 0433 at AMES Volunteer Tutor program, 16 Victoria Square, St Albans or harmar@ames.net.au

**Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Child Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

**Excursions/Activities**

Did you know you can read and print out excursion/activity notices from our website?

The initial notice will be given to students and any further copies needed should be obtained from the website, under the “News & Events” section.
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

From 1st March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.
I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Year 7 students of D Team and new members of our teaching team. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and had an opportunity to relax.

D Team is fortunate to have three new members in our staff room. Ms Passarella, our Campus Leader, now has a desk in D Team office. Returning from leave are Ms Hung, who teaches Japanese and Ms Tandon, who teaches Science.

The Year 7 students look fantastic in their school uniform and appear to be settling in well. The weather has been very warm and students may be very tired when they get home. They have been enthusiastically lining up at the canteen and running around at lunchtime. Just a reminder, students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to class. Also, please phone the school or send a note to explain any absences.

Term 1 is a busy term. Students have completed Literacy and Numeracy tests which will be used to assign students to groups and inform teachers in their planning. Year 7 students were engaged in an orientation program which finished in form competitions on Iron Day.

Everyone had a great time with 7D3 narrowly missing out on first place. Students were immunised and survived without complications.

Next week our team will be competing in the school swimming carnival. This is a great day and students who are unable to swim can participate in novelty events. Students are reminded to wear a hat, use sunscreen and wear GREEN for D Team. Later in the term, Year 7 students will go on an excursion to the zoo as part of the Science curriculum.

First impressions from year 7s:
...The teachers are nice and funny. The subjects haven’t been too hard so far. Anna
...it is hard to get from class to class and there is so much homework every day. Taylor
...I love the mouthwatering food at the canteen. James
...being at high school has made me more confident and organised. Duyen

When I first came, I was scared that the big kids were walking around but when it came to recess, it was awesome. I have already made friends with some year 9s. I really like how we can go to the library before school, after school, recess and lunch. I like this school a lot. Arin

...I met some amazing friends and teachers. My hardest thing to do was my lock, it was really hard. Amra

...starting year 7 was exciting but at the same time I was nervous.....my favourite subject is Italian. Stephanie

...All the teachers are nice and very helpful. Katerina

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about your child’s progress.

Ms Jenny Russell
D Team Leader

Copperfield College Uniform

The Copperfield College uniform is available from the PSW Deer Park store:

58 Westwood Drive, Deer Park
Ph: 9363 8458

Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Uniform items can also be purchased online
Orders can be delivered to your home!
www.psw.com.au

Instrumental Music

Our campus offers a range of instrumental music to all students. Instruments offered are: Drums, Guitar, Woodwind (e.g. saxophone, flute), Bass Guitar, singing lessons.

Forms can be collected from General Office.

For more information contact
Mr Gary Allen
L Team Report

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new students in Years 7 and 8 along with their families to L Team. I would also like to welcome back our Year 8 students and their families to a new school year. The school year has begun on a high, and it is pleasing to see the many smiling faces of our L Team students.

We have a new staff member in L Team in 2014. We are proud to welcome Ms Natasha Ong, who is a Mathematics and Science teacher.

The year began for the Year 7 students with a special three day orientation program designed to ease the transition of students from primary school into year 7. Each day students participated in activities that ranged from ‘Getting to know you’ games to an Amazing Race challenge that aimed to familiarise the students to all areas of the campus. The students embraced the activities, new friendships were forged and it gave Year 7 staff an opportunity to get to know them in a positive and nurturing environment. Congratulations are in order to Ms Marija Passarella, who is the Years 7 and 8 Campus Leader, for putting the orientation program together.

Students in Year 8 have hit the ground running. They have already filled their diaries with homework, undertaken tests and caught up with friends they may not have seen since the end of school last year. Students are commended on the presentation of their uniforms at this early stage of the school year. There have been very few uniform passes issued to students for not wearing their complete school uniform. Please ensure that if your son or daughter is out of uniform, you send a note along with them to explain the reason they are out of uniform and when the correct uniform will be worn. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me on the school phone number, 9365 4111, or via email: rankin.bradley.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

On Monday 10th February, our Year 7 students participated in the annual Iron Day competition. The competition is designed to promote teamwork within each of the Home Groups. Students were required to design banners, a mascot and class chant in the lead up to the day. They also competed in a range of activities as a Home Group team to accumulate points to determine the winning Home Group.

Activities included a thong throw, balloon volley, island rescue and quiz to name a few. It was exciting to see the level of commitment the students made to the day and a big congratulations to 7L2 (pictured below) who won overall.

Tuesday 18th February is the Swimming Carnival at Oak Park. Students are permitted to come to school in their sports uniform. We would encourage all L Team students to wear a red top, which is the colour of our team. There are many novelty events, such as Grass Volleyball and a waterslide which allow all students to participate in events on the day, whether they are strong swimmers or not. Students should ensure they bring a hat, sunscreen, water and snacks to get them through the day.

Finally, thank you to all L Team teachers for their efforts to make the start of the year so welcoming and successful for our Year 7 & 8 students. Good luck to everyone for the remainder of the term.

Mr Bradley Rankin
L Team Leader
Year 10 Work Experience 2014

I am very pleased to report that our 2014 “Work Experience Program” (WEP) is in place and ready to go.

As you would be aware our 2014 WEP is optional and is offered to all interested Year 10 students. Students who choose to do so select one week from five different weeks allocated throughout the year to undertake their work experience in a field of their choice.

Work experience is an interesting and rewarding opportunity and I encourage every student when given the opportunity to take on and enjoy the challenges of the world of work. I therefore hope that all of our year 10 students interested in benefitting from work experience will follow my advice and look to secure a meaningful placement for one or more of our five allocated weeks in our 2014 WEP.

Just a reminder that all Kings Park Work Experience Forms (Green forms) are to be handed to me 6 weeks prior to the start of your work placement.

Please feel free to come and see me anytime if you have any questions, need advice or assistance in securing your work placement.

Work Experience dates are:

- Last week term 1: 31st March – 4th April
- Last week term 2: 23rd – 27th June
- First week term 3: 4th – 18th July
- Last week term 3: 15th – 19th September
- First week term 4: 6th – 10th October

Bella Esmail-Moore
Careers Advisor/MIPs Counsellor

T Team Report

T Team would like to welcome everyone back to a new school term.

T Team have had a marvellous start to term one. Students have settled in beautifully and are well underway with their studies in what will be a very busy term. Many thanks to the parents who attended the Parent Information Evening on 13th February. It was a very informative night and our student leaders did a magnificent job in presenting and welcoming parents and students of Copperfield College.

On Tuesday 18th February, T Team students will be participating and competing in the Swimming Carnival at Oak Park, so watch this space as we plan to bring home the trophy.

Another important day is school photos which will be held on Thursday 20th, February. We expect all students to be present and in school uniform.

Last year many of the T Team students engaged in extracurricular activities across the College. Forms and nominations have been given to students interested in the Leadership team, Environment team and Interschool sports. Be sure to fill out those forms and join these brilliant activities.

Ms Mac Miftari
T Team Leader

C Team Report

We would like to congratulate all C team students on their great start to the year. The transition into 2014 has been extremely pleasing and enjoyable for all involved.

A reminder to students and parents that Parent Teacher interviews are occurring at the end of this term. They will be on Tuesday 1st April from 9am – 7pm. Families will be able to schedule an appointment using the new Parent Portal.

Our 9C1 and 9C3 classes have begun Challenge Day and with activities well under way. In the coming weeks, excursions to the city and the research projects will begin. This is an enriching and exciting part of the Year 9 curriculum and our students have already demonstrated their enthusiasm for the subject to date.

Finally, good luck to everyone in C team in the upcoming Swimming Carnival. Whether its competing, supporting or wearing the team colours, hopefully everyone has a fun-filled and enjoyable day.

Mr Linton
C Team Leader