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2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 30 Jan to 31 Mar

Term 2: 18 Apr to 30 Jun

Term 3: 17 Jul to 22 Sep

Term 4: 9 Oct to 15 Dec

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New Year - New School - New Newsletter

I would like to welcome you to our first Newsletter for 2017. This Newsletter is one of the methods of communication with our school community. Other methods include our Website (www.advancecollege.vic.edu.au), our Facebook page (currently under development), school bulletins and the Student Handbook.

Advance College has three campuses - Hastings, Mornington and Capel Sound, (formerly Rosebud West) with up to 30 students at each. It has specialist teachers, learning support assistants and well-being staff to deliver the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) at three levels - Foundation, Intermediate and Senior.

Our college community is made up of many groups including students, parents, guardians, friends, staff, college council/committee, local community organisations and the general public. Advance College has a strong focus on its community as it ensures that our students are provided with the best and most relevant education possible. It provides an alternative, education setting to mainstream school, with a strong emphasis on supporting students in pathways to employment or further education and training.

Our VCAL is presented in a positive education framework which assists teaching staff to meet the specific needs of disengaged young people in their pursuit of positive achievements in education. It is specifically designed to improve our capacity to address engagement so that young people can achieve their personal and social potential through educational achievement. It is a whole-school approach that meets the developmental strengths and needs of students, teachers, and leaders.

As part of our College community, you are welcome to contact me to arrange an appointment to learn more about Advance College.

Steve Wright - Principal
(steve.w@advance.vic.edu.au)

Child Safe

Advance College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

Advance College has adopted the following Standards in response to the *Ministerial Order No. 870 - Child Safe Standards - Managing the risk of child abuse in schools (August 2016)*.

Across all Child Safe Standards, Advance College promotes:

- The cultural safety of Aboriginal children
- The cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- The safety of children with a disability

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, Advance College has:

- Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements (Standard 1)
- A child safe policy which includes a statement of commitment to child safety (Standard 2)
- A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children (Standard 3)
- Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel (Standard 4)
- Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse (Standard 5)
- Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse (Standard 6)
- Strategies to promote participation and empowerment of children (Standard 7)

For further details please refer to our web site.

Term 1 News

- We opened our third campus at Mornington at the start of this year. As part of our native plant nursery enterprise, students are able to learn aspects of the horticulture industry which presents a new dimension in our VCAL delivery. With a strong industry focus it is ideal for students to establish a vocational pathway while studying for their VCAL.
- Clean up Australia - all campuses participated in a morning of rubbish collection in public spaces. It was very gratifying to see our students really enjoying the day and making a difference to our community and environment.
- At the beginning of the Term all staff were engaged in four days of professional development to improve the way we support our students with their learning. Based on the highly acclaimed Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) staff have seen greater engagement, higher achievement and improved learning from students.

Term 2 Activities

Commonwealth Bank Smart Start Workshops:

- Mornington - April 19
- Rosebud - April 26
- Hastings - April 27

SecondBite Program:

- Commences April 24 (Rosebud)

Sorrento Community Mural Project

- Commences May 9 (Rosebud)

Hastings Community Mural Project


- Commences TBA (Hastings)


Biggest Morning Tea (All Sites):

- Thurs 25th May

Camp (All Sites):

- Mon-Wed 26th -28th June
(students not attending will have class as normal)

 Advance College is establishing a new Student Management System (Sentral) which will provide a student and parent portal. This will enable both students and parents access to range of resources and support. It will allow direct communication between Advance College, students and parents and provide a range of resources and support. Information will be provided to students and will also be posted on our Facebook page and Web site.

 Advance College can facilitate accredited training in short courses such as First Aid, CPR and Food Handling. Please call your local campus for further details.