



# Keysborough College Newsletter

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Chandler Campus

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## CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back existing families and to welcome new families to Keysborough Secondary College Chandler Campus. Whilst the staff have returned with enthusiasm for the new year there was a note of sadness as Mrs Robinson made the decision to retire during the vacation. We wish her well as she moves into the next phase of her life but she will be greatly missed by the whole college community. In her time at Chandler Mrs Robinson was an outstanding teacher of Commerce and Information Technology before moving into Principal Class. She led the College with distinction since becoming Principal in 2004 and was the embodiment of all that Chandler stood for. Recently Mrs Robinson was one of the driving forces behind the formation of Keysborough Secondary College with the educational opportunities for our students foremost in her mind. We wish her all the best for the future. I will be Acting Campus Principal and Mrs Portelli will be Acting Assistant Principal for Term 1.

I would encourage all families to take an active role in the school and your child's education. There will be many opportunities for families to be involved in your school. You could take a formal role on College Council, help out at a working bee, attend your child's information evening, watch a student performance or volunteer to assist around the school. I hope that I will meet you at many of the various events during the year.

We produce this introductory newsletter so that we can remind you about ways to help your children start the school year in a positive way. It is important that students commence the year fully prepared and with the right attitude to their studies. Please ensure you read the information carefully.

If you need to contact the school, office hours from January 28<sup>th</sup> are 8.30am - 4.30pm. A number of key dates are listed on the back page.

School commences for all students on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9am. Students should arrive, **in full school uniform**, by 8.55am. The first session will be a home group meeting during which they will be given their student planner and a copy of their timetable.

## Text Books

It is very important that all students have their own copy of the text books as listed on the booklist. Teachers spend a great deal of time ensuring that only textbooks that are essential and appropriate are included on the booklist. Please take the time to check that all books are clearly named. Your child will be disadvantaged if they do not have a copy of the books. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact Mrs Portelli.

## Uniform

Please see information regarding College Uniform and Dress Code enclosed.

## Student Planners

Every student is provided with a student planner on the first day of school. The planner contains essential information about the school in the first few pages and should be read carefully by students and parents. The student planner is to be used to record homework and

key dates. It is also a communication tool between home and school. Teachers will use the planner to write messages to parents and parents are encouraged to use the planner to write messages to teachers. Parents can assist their students to be well prepared and organised by checking the planner on a regular basis.

## 2008 Reports

Semester 2 Reports for 2008 were given out at the end of last year. If you have not received your child's report they are available for collection from the Subschool Office.

## College Photographs

These will be taken on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. All students will receive an information pack and will need to bring this along on the day.

## Compulsory school age requirements

Schooling is compulsory for children aged 6 to 16 years. Parents of children of compulsory school age must ensure that they are enrolled in and attend a registered school.

## 2009 Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**28 January 2009** which is the first day for teaching staff). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **27 February 2009** for the first instalment. The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

## New EMA payment option for 2009

Commencing in 2009, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will introduce a new payment option for the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to parents. Under the new system, eligible parents will have the option to receive the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA payment directly into the parent's nominated bank account, **or** as a cheque payment.

The 2009 EMA application form includes a section for you to nominate whether you would like your EMA payment to be made to your own bank account or to receive your payment as a cheque (which is the current arrangement). The banking details required will include the BSB code and the account number.

Please come to the B Block office before 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 with your health care card to fill in your application form.

Michael Gray - Acting Campus Principal

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Happy New Year and welcome back to all the returning Year 8 and 9 students and parents. It's great to have you back! We would also like to send a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students at Keysborough Secondary College, Chandler Campus. What an exciting year 2009 should be with our new College, and very smart looking uniforms!

The Junior School Team has undergone some changes for this year. Mr Russell (Junior School Manager) will be joined by three Professional Learning Team Leaders (PLT), who will oversee the curriculum and year level specific programs. Each year level will have their own PLT: Ms Buckingham (PLT Leader Year 7), Mrs Seed (PLT Leader Year 8) and Ms Keoylian (PLT Leader Year 9).

Although there have been some major changes to our school, the Junior School will still provide our students with many different opportunities throughout the year. Our new Year 7's will go off to camp during Term 1 to get to know each other and staff better. While the Year 8 & 9's will once again join each other on the same camp during Term 3. It is from personal experience, that these camps are always loads of fun, and a must for all students. Our Year 9 students will also once again embark on a three day city excursion/camp that will capture a few of the highlights of Melbourne. A highlight for some of our students this year will be the new Music camp.

Besides the camps, there will be plenty of other attractions such as: Inter School Sports including Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics, Music Soiree, Music Production, Talent Quest, Debating, Peer Support Program, Year 9 Health Day, End of Year Activities, Premiers Reading Challenge, numerous other subject based excursions, and many other programs and opportunities.

Make sure you return to school wearing your correct school uniform and with all your books, ready for a smooth and successful start. Please read the additional letter in this newsletter regarding uniform. A reminder to parents and students, that it is school council policy that all students attend in full school uniform. Students not in school uniform may be sent home to change or face other consequences. We ask parents and students to support this policy, as not to do so would mean that valuable time will be spent chasing up students and calling parents. Remember to clearly label all your belongings. Lockers will be issued on the first day so you should also bring with you a strong padlock to make sure you can place your belongings safely in your locker.

**STEVE RUSSELL**  
**(JUNIOR SCHOOL MANAGER)**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Wednesday – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Staff only in attendance</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Term 1, 2009 commences for all students;</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 7 Camp departs</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>KSSC Council meeting 7 pm.</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 7 Camp returns</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Senior VCE sport</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 8 Sport</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>College Photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 7 Immunisations</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Springvale District Golf Day.</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Springvale District Swimming.</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday.</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 11 and 12 Camp departs</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 11 and 12 Camp returns</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 7 Sport</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Intermediate Sport</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Term. Dismissal 2.30 pm.</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term 2, 2009 commences</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews.</b>

## KEYSBOROUGH COLLEGE DRESS CODE

Uniform at Keysborough College is compulsory. The uniform is designed to be comfortable, durable and practical.

Keysborough College students are expected to:

- Be clean and neat at all times.
- Wear the uniform in an appropriate manner.
- Wear their full academic uniform when travelling to and from school.
- During recess and lunchtimes students are to remain in uniform unless they are taking part in supervised sports practice.
- Physical Education uniform is compulsory and must be worn for all PE classes and when representing the college at sport.
- Hijabs can be in school colours of either white, purple or black.
- School hats, scarves and gloves may not be worn during class time (excluding Hijabs)
- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school activities and should not be extreme (natural colours are permitted).
- Makeup (if worn) should be unobtrusive and not excessive.
- Small studs or sleepers only are permitted (to be worn in the ears only).
- Ties are required to be worn with shirts and should be worn correctly.

In the interim period, students should wear the complete college uniform OR the existing campus uniform (items should not be mixed). Year 7 students must wear the new college uniform.

Safety is an important consideration in many classes including science, physical education, practical classes and other subjects. The class teacher shall determine what action must be taken to make sure that hair and clothing is not a safety hazard.

It is understood that occasionally it is unavoidable that students may be out of uniform. Parents are requested to provide a note of explanation and the student will be issued with a uniform pass.

**The final decision regarding school uniform remains with the college administration.**

Ratified by College Council at the Council Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> 2008

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 7 students</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Item compulsory unless indicated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KSC grey school vest or purple jumper with logo (optional)*</li> <li>• White school shirt with logo - long or short sleeves *</li> <li>• Boys: black school pants with logo*; black socks; black leather look school shoes.</li> <li>• Girls: black school pants with logo*, black socks; black leather look school shoes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KSC pleated tartan skirt**; white socks; black leather look school shoes.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KSC summer dress*; white socks; black leather look school shoes.</li> <li>• Grey Blazer with logo*.</li> <li>• KSC Tie (compulsory with shirt)*</li> <li>• College cap or Bucket hat*</li> <li>• College black Longline Shorts*</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year 8-12 Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light blue Chandler or business type or polo shirt with logo</li> <li>• School dress with logo</li> <li>• Black or Grey school trousers or slacks (no jeans)</li> <li>• Grey Chandler skirt</li> <li>• Maroon windcheater/jumper with logo</li> <li>• VCE black Chandler windcheater/jumper with logo</li> <li>• White or grey socks to be worn above the ankle</li> <li>• Black leather shoes (no casual footwear)</li> <li>• School Jacket - plain black (no logo)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purple PE top with KSC logo*</li> <li>• Black shorts with logo*</li> <li>• Black track pants with logo*</li> <li>• Black track jacket with KSC logo</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugby Top</li> <li>• Navy blue tract pants</li> <li>• Plain white T Shirt</li> <li>• Navy blue shorts</li> <li>• Runners</li> </ul>
<p>*All items of new KSC school uniform can be purchased at: <b>BUXWEAR:</b> 169 Cheltenham Road, Dandenong, 3175. Phone: 9792 0424</p>	<p>*All items of previous school uniform can be purchased at: <b>BELEZA PTY. LTD.</b> 7 Douglas Street, Noble Park, 3174. Phone: 9540 8577</p>

**NOT PERMITTED:**

- Combination of **NEW** KSC and **OLD** campus uniforms.
- **Any blazer/jacket without either the KSC or Campus logo.**
- Jumpers or windcheaters without the college logo.
- White polo T-shirts or skivvies.
- Jewellery, body piercing (other than one stud or sleeper in each ear lobe); excessive make up; unnatural hair colours (e.g. Red, blue, green, yellow, purple, orange).
- Runners are only to be worn in Physical & Sport Education classes - school shoes must be worn at all other times.