



NiddrieSecondaryCollege

Parent Newsletter

EDITION 1 FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY, 2008

TERM 1 WEEK 1

It is our first week back for students for 2008 and our first newsletter. I take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for the year ahead.

I am pleased to report that the week has gone smoothly, with students and teachers focused on achievement and success.

The new timetable has been implemented with the longer periods. There is obviously less student movement around the school with the opportunity for more sustained learning. We are aware that there will be an adjustment period, particularly for the senior students.

I would like to welcome our new staff to the College. They are:

- Amanda Mullins
- Barry Van Weeghel
- Lara Cartledge
- Sarah Baglin
- Charles Tran
- Louise Newton
- Mathew Norman
- Julian Mestrov
- Heather Davies-Mestrov
- Annette Ellis
- Sandra Middleton
- Lex Tier
- Fiona Rocke
- Kelly-Anne Hayden

The school population is 942, which indicates the regard in which it is held in the community. We are divided into the Junior (Year 7 & 8), Middle (Year 9 & 10) and Senior (Year 11 & 12). The leaders of each area are:

- Junior School—Arthur Soumalias
- Middle School—Samantha Adams
- Senior School—Kerry McKay

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February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January Week 1	28	29 Teachers Return	30 Year 7 & VCE Students Return	30 Year 8, 9 & 10 Students Return	1 Newsletter	2
3 Week 2	4	5	6	7 Photos All Year 7	8	9
10 Week 3	11 Year 7 Camp	12 Year 7 Camp Photos Yr 8—12	13 Year 7 Camp	14	15 Newsletter	16
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SCHOOL PHOTOS
Year 8—12 School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 12th February. Due to the Year 7 Camp, Year 7 students will have their photos taken next Wednesday 7th February.

March 2008

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2 Week 6	3	4	5	6 Yr 7—11 Thinking Carnival	7	8
9 Week 7	10 Labour Day Public Holiday	11	12	13 Curriculum Day No Students required at school	14 Newsletter	15
16 Week 8	17 Western Zone Swimming Sports	18 Parent Teacher Interviews Yr 7—12	19	20 LAST DAY OF TERM 1 Students dismissed at 2.30pm	21 GOOD FRIDAY	22
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FUTURE DATES

- **Term 2 Commences** Monday 7th April
- **Anzac Day**—Friday 25th April
- **Aim Test Year 9 Maths**—Tuesday 29th April
- **Aim Test Year 9 English**—Wednesday 30th April
- **Grade 6 Open Day**—Tuesday 6th May
- **Open Evening Parents**—Thursday 8th May
- **National Literacy Testing, Language Conventions & Writing**—Tuesday 13th May
- **National Literacy Testing, Reading**—Wednesday 14th May
- **National Numeracy Testing**—Thursday 15th May
- **Year 10 Work Experience**—Monday 16th June to Friday 27th June

2008 Victorian Public Transport
Student Concession Card
Application Forms are available
from the General Office.

TRIP TO JAPAN 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again in 2009 students will have the opportunity to travel to Japan and take part in an exchange with our sister school Kogakkan High School. It is anticipated that the tour will be in May / June 2009. The itinerary is still to be finalised however it is expected to include visiting Tokyo (Disneyland), Kyoto, Hiroshima, Ise City (sister school). The accommodation will be in hotels apart from time spent with host families at Kogakkan High School where students will stay with families from the school. The cost will include airfare with Japan Airlines, 7 day JR rail pass, hotel accommodation, all breakfasts, all meals and excursions while at our sister school. More details will be available once final dates and numbers attending are finalised.

We are advising parents and students of this trip early as the last visit was very successful and unfortunately, due to high student demand, not all students were able to attend. It is expected that once again 15 students will have the opportunity to participate. The cost will be approximately \$3700 plus student spending and some meals. Once students have been advised who will be attending a deposit of \$500 will be required and then the rest may be paid off over the next 18 months.

If you are interested in your child attending the tour to Japan in 2009 could you please complete the slip below and return it to either myself or Mr Hayakawa.

A meeting to discuss details will be held in Term 1, 2008 however, if you have any questions you would like addressed earlier please feel free to contact us at the College.

Sandra Smart
Assistant Principal

Takanori Hayakawa
Teacher of Japanese

TRIP TO JAPAN 2009

I am interested in attending the trip to Japan in 2009

NAME: _____

YEAR LEVEL: 2009 _____ CURRENT HOMEGROUP: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ____/____/____

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If parents have concerns about their child we encourage them to make contact with the level coordinators. The school has a commitment to be responsive to parents and establish strong partnerships. The Coordinators at each level are:

- Year 7—Barry Van Weeghel
- Year 8—Amanda Mullins
- Year 9—Anthony Cotroneo
- Year 10—Paul Taylor
- Year 11—Colin Thompson
- Year 12—Vince Murone

As everyone is aware the College has introduced a new school uniform. All Year 7 students will be in the uniform this year. Within two years the new uniform will be implemented for all levels.

I appreciate that there has been difficulties with the supply of uniform and the school has been in communication with Lowes. The following information may assist to clarify issues:

- All Year 7 students are to wear the new school uniform. There are a considerable number of dresses on order and Lowes will contact parents when the dress is available. Dresses will be supplied by the end of February. Students who are waiting for the dresses can wear the sports uniform.
- It has been negotiated that students in Year 8—10 who now wish to purchase the new uniform can do so. The boys uniform is available and orders can be placed for the new dress.
- The school tie is an item of the new uniform. This is to be worn with the winter shirt.
- We are thrilled with our Year 7s and how terrific they look. It is with anticipation that we look forward to the whole school being in the new uniform.

Dux of the School

Many of you would be aware of our excellent VCE results, particularly in reference to the average study score. Over the last five years the school has made outstanding improvement in terms of results and academic success. We are proud of our students and teachers. The percentage of students receiving a study score over 40 is one of the highest in the network.

Congratulations to Austin Nguyen who was "Dux" of 2008. He received a study score of 98.6.

New School Times for 2008 are:

Teachers will be unavailable from 8.45am due to Staff briefing



Locker Bell	8.50am
Home Group	8.55am—9.05am
Period 1	9.05am—10.20am
Period 2	10.20am—11.35am
Recess	11.35am—12.00pm
Period 3	12.00pm—1.15pm
Lunch	1.15pm—2.00pm (Locker Bell 1.55pm)
Period 4	2.00pm—3.15pm—DISMISS



EMA 2007

Parents/Guardians who hold an eligible health care card from the 29th January, 2008 can apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Forms are available from the General Office and applications must be lodged at the school by Wednesday 27th February, 2007.

DEECD will not accept late applications.

Library/ID Cards for 2008

Can all students from Years 8 - 12 please make sure that they keep their ID/library card from 2007 until they are issued with their new cards. This will probably happen early in next term.

The Age - VCE

Students from Years 10 - 12 are able to purchase The Age VCE success pack. For a cost of \$10 for the school year, they can have a Monday to Friday subscription to The Age Newspaper, delivered to the school, access to VCE archive and free entry to The Age VCE & Careers Expo 2008.

Any student in Years 10 - 12 who would like to take advantage of this offer can either apply online at www.education.theage.com.au/sales or bring \$10 to Ms Egan in the library for a group order.

WANTED Novel - Jolt

Attention Students in Year 11 and 12.

There are a number of students in Year 10 who have not been able to purchase a copy of the novel Jolt by Bernard Beckett for English. If anyone is willing to sell their copy, could they please bring it to school with an envelope with their name and form on it and they will be sold to Year 10 students for \$10. Please bring any books for sale to Mrs Tarn.

2ND HAND BOOKS FOR SALE:

- The King of Whatever, Kirsten Murphy
 - Soldier Boy, Anthony Hill
 - Walk In My Shoes, Alwyn Evans
 - SOSE Alive History 2
 - SOSE 1 Studies of Society & Environment
 - Science Quest 3—2nd Edition
 - Design and Make It in Metal, John Williams
 - Engine Technology Part 2, Motor Vehicle Engines.
- All Books in reasonable condition.
Phone Mariana on 0412 796 390

2nd Hand Year 11 VCE Books

- English for Year 11 Ashton (Book & CD) - \$20.00
- Maths Methods 1 & 2 VCE Zone—\$35.00
- Physics 11—Bail 2 ed (Hein) (Book & CD) - \$35.00

Phone Lynette on 9390 7018

UNIFORM FOR SALE

- Green Jumper—Size 20—\$30.00
 - Black Jacket—Size Small—\$20.00
 - Shorts x 2—Size Small—\$10.00
 - Rugby Top—\$20.00
- Maria on 0417 631 957

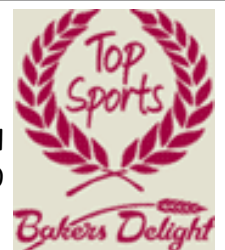
UNIFORM FOR SALE

- Boys White Polo Shirt Size 14 & 16—\$5.00 each
 - Girls Summer School Dress Size 12-14—\$10.00
 - Girls Winter School Pants Size 16—\$10.00
 - VCE Navy Jumper Size 20—\$20.00
- Phone Nina on 0425 802 283



Bakers Delight

Bakers Delight understands the importance of health and wellbeing in local communities. All schools across Australia have the chance to win a \$5,000 grant to help with new sporting equipment and facilities. There is \$100,000 in total to be given away!



How Top Sports Works

Anyone can nominate our school when they make a purchase at a Bakers Delight bakery. Every entry goes into the draw to score a grant. The more entries, the greater our chance to win. When you are purchasing your bread supplies from any Bakers Delight, please mention **NIDDRIE SECONDARY COLLEGE**.

Junior School Report

The Year 7 and 8 students have been fantastic this week. It is going to be an exciting year ahead with a combination of learning, fun and friendship.

A special thankyou to our Year 7 students, who have impressed staff with how well they have settled in.

Year 7 Camp

Due to a possible STOP WORK ON 14th February all students in Year 7 will be attending camp on Monday 11th till Wednesday 13th February. Information will be distributed regarding this.



Year 7 Photos

Year 7 Photos will be taken Thursday morning.



MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome to the new school year, an exciting and challenging year awaits all of us. The Middle School team is looking forward to assisting students and parents, getting the most out of their education this year.

We would also like to take the chance to welcome the Middle School students who started at Niddrie this week.

The Middle School Team consists of:

Anthony Cotroneo – Year 9 Coordinator
Paul Taylor – Year 10 Coordinator
Samantha Adams – Middle School Coordinator

CONTACTING US

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder that work experience for Year 10 students will take place Monday 16th June to Friday 27th June. Students will receive their work experience forms in the next few weeks. It is vital that parents and students finalise arrangements, complete the necessary forms and return them to school by Friday 29th February. Any students or parents who need assistance in finding placements can contact the Middle School Team.

VCE REPORT

Welcome back to all students for the 2008 academic year! We begin the year with some exciting facilities developments in the pipeline, our first year of Senior VCAL, and a new Careers Teacher (myself!). In 2008 Mr Murone will be overseeing Year 12, whilst Mr Thompson will coordinate Year 11.

New VCE Facilities

The VCE locker bay has been temporarily re-located into the VCE area. Furniture for the Silent Study Room within the VCE area will be delivered next week and the room should be operational the week after. The Careers Office will now be located in the VCE Centre, creating another space in the Library to be jointly used as a VCE Tutorial Room and a Silent Study Area for Year 12 students.

2007 Year 12 results

In 2007 our Year 12 students again performed extremely well and secured an excellent range of tertiary and TAFE places. Happily, many students received their first or second preferences. We are expecting that several students will receive Second and Third Round Offers shortly. Several students received quite lucrative scholarships as a result of their excellent results and strong applications. Privacy laws require that we obtain permission from students to publish their personal achievements. With their permission, I look forward to profiling the pathways of some of our students in subsequent bulletins.

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships – Year 12

At the conclusion of 2007 we were awaiting news of the recipients of the Year 12 University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars scholarships. I am delighted to announce that out of the 6 students who applied, **Jemma Stefanou, Matthew Miles, Neil Marchant and Chris Pryce** received scholarships as a result of their excellent applications and strong academic performance. Parents might recall that **Karen Dawson and Chris Tenace** also received scholarships in the Year 11 category. Well done to all applicants and congratulations to the winners.

Leaving the school yard during the day

VCE students are **not** permitted to leave the school yard during the school day unless it is to go home after their **final class** of the day. We have encouraged students to abandon the idea of class free periods during the day as being 'spares'. Periods free of classes, other than lunch times, are not 'spares', they are **private study periods** and must be used appropriately.

There are 2 periods during the week in which all VCE students have private study at once.

- The first is during period 3 on Mondays, students are to undertake private study in the library or VCE Centre.
- The common private study period is during Period 1 on a Wednesday. Students do not **have** to arrive at school until 10.10am, ready to commence Period 2 at 10.20am. However, students are of course welcome to use these periods for private study at school.
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As there are now no 'before school' classes, all VCE students need to be at school in time for Home Room each day **except Wednesdays.**

Lockers and Diaries
Virtually all VCE students were allocated lockers last year. Unfortunately some students have not followed policy and have commandeered other students' lockers. It will take us a day or two to sort this out. Although students will generally have retained their locks, and Year 12 students have generally retained their lockers, from 2007, **a Locker Hire charge still applies for 2008.** This should be paid at the General Office as part of the **Resource Charge.** Students must pay at least \$100 of the resource charge which will enable them to be issued with a VCE diary, a library card and pay for the Locker Hire Charge. It is vital that students do this as quickly as possible as a diary is imperative in VCE. We are therefore asking that parents pay at least the first \$100 of the Resource Charge by **8th March.** Students are not permitted to supply their own locks, and such locks will be removed from the locker.

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VCE Report Continued

Uniform

VCE uniform has been a little disappointing this week. A few students persist in flouting other aspects of the Uniform Code and such students will be given a warning and will then be sent home to change. An explanatory note from a parent will cover a short term uniform infringement (i.e. 1 or 2 days), but cannot be used for a longer period of time (e.g. a week or longer).

Subject Changes

Year 12 students would be most unwise to contemplate changing subjects at this point. Year 11 students should also have settled into classes by now and must organise any subject changes by **8th March**. No subject changes at either level will be permitted following this date. Year 11 students do, however, have the option of changing subjects at mid year if they so desire. Students will not be permitted to 'drop' a subject at any time, without selecting a replacement; i.e. all VCE students must undertake a full program of study.

Contacting Us

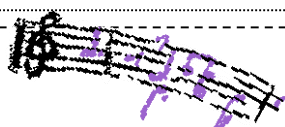
Email is an easy way of contacting the VCE Team. Our edumail addresses are listed below.

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murone.vince.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

mckay.kerry.k1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kerry Mckay – VCE Coordinator



Instrumental Music

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Instrumental classes will commence during week 2. Students who are continuing can check the Music Room door for interim timetables being posted. Note that classes will rotate to a 75 minute period. So, all students will have to be on the ball, organised and prompt.

Currently Instrumental teachers will be on Campus as follows:

Mondays: Mr Carey—Guitar and Bass
Tuesdays: Mr Rowan—Drums, Ms Rocke—Voice, Mr Crocker—Woodwind
Wednesdays: Ms Hayden—Voice/Keyboard
Thursdays: Mr Tier—Brass, Ms Watson—Woodwind
Fridays: Mr Crocker—Woodwind, Mr Rahklin—Violin and Keyboard

**Please note that positions are now only available in
Sax, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone and Tuba.**

Waiting lists exist for the other instruments (Voice, Guitar, Bass, Keyboard, Drums) and positions in these classes can only be secured by full payment of fees immediately.

Bands:

Choir: Tuesday Lunch

VCE/Jazz Band: Tuesday Lunch

Production (Grease) Singing Chorus: Wednesday Lunch

Intermediate Stage Band: Thursday Lunch until further notice (Note that last year's Year 7 Band will amalgamate with this band).

Production(Grease) Band: After school Thursdays 3.15 to 4.30PM

As the semester progresses inevitably there will be some changes to these schedules.

The new **Beginner Band** will commence Semester 2



Mr Crocker and Ms Bonett

