5th February 2016

Principal’s Message

As I welcome everyone, staff, students and parents back to the College for the beginning of the 2016 school year, I must admit I feel a little strange saying those words being new to PCW Melbourne myself in the role of Principal. Whilst the official starting date for College Administration staff was Tuesday 18 January, the community has been supporting me from my appointment announcement last year to transition smoothly into the role. I met the students and staff a number of times late last year and spent a wonderful day meeting the new Year 7s and their families on Orientation day.

On the 18th of December, I was introduced to and immersed in the Presentation spirit and charism, having spent a day with Sisters Maria, Nola, Helen and Joan, and Ms Anne Young. As a leader of the faith community of PCW, it was important to learn about the story of Nano Nagle, her educational philosophy; and the work and great legacy of the Presentation Sisters. I am grateful for the time they spent with me and look forward to their ongoing spiritual guidance.

On Sunday the 17th of January, the leadership team: Ms Kelly McGurn, Ms Antonella Rosati, Mr Stephen O’Shea and I set off to Torquay for leadership formation. We all felt that it was vital for us to spend time together before the school year started, ensuring that the Mission and Vision for the College was clear for all of us. In the ensuing two days, we did a power of work which included identifying our priorities for 2016 and beyond. These were driven by our annual action plan also. At the end of those three days, I felt incredibly fortunate, I would hazard to guess that there would be very few new Principals who could walk into a school and be blessed with such a hardworking, committed and knowledgeable leadership team. I thank Kelly, Antonella and Stephen for their support and in giving up some of their precious holiday time for these days.

Staff, student and families have been very welcoming indeed. We greeted our new Year 7s on a wet Friday morning, gathered in the Chapel as a whole year level; and from discussions I had with the girls during lunchtime in the yard, they all seemed very positive and happy with their start at the College. Monday morning, with the sun shining, our year 8s to 12 arrived and it was heartening to see the girls excited and hugging each other. I have spoken with quite a few parents and have received some lovely emails from families welcoming me to the College, your support is very much appreciated. I was also formally welcomed at the combined three schools, one community (PCW, CBC, St Mary’s primary school) staff opening mass, celebrated by Father Barry Moran at St Mary’s Church; this was followed by a morning tea which all staff attended. My commissioning as new Principal took place Friday afternoon in the College Chapel; it was a very moving and proud moment for me.

I’d like to thank all staff for the hard work put in last week to ensure a smooth start for our Year 7s and our Year 8s to 12 on Monday. I would particularly like to welcome our new staff:

Charlotte Cowley: Art Teacher
Edwina Brinkley: Art Teacher
Avril Martinelli: Art Technician
Samantha Jansz: First Aid Officer
Wei Jin: International Learning Support
Tina Kong: International Learning Support
Fiona Bourne: Learning Support
Kodiilee Strahan: AFL Trainee
Principal's Message (cont.):

For several of our school community the start of the year has been a sad and difficult time with a number of family members passing away. We keep the following staff members and their families in our prayers:

- Di Braiden’s Brother: Stephen Cowell
- Clare Compton’s Father: Bill Compton
- Julie Staunton’s Father: Patrick Noel Staunton
- Christanne Smith’s Mother: Fay Waterworth
- Angela Edwards’s Niece: Celeste Tehan
- Carmel Nielsen’s Father: Gaetano Giuseppe Ciconte

In conclusion I would like to share with you a quote that I included in a presentation I delivered to the selection panel at my interview, inspired by the educational vision of Nano Nagle.

As Principal of PCW Melbourne I am called to be “The spark that lights other sparks so that the flame will be carried into the future in new and creative ways and into a world striving for transformation. I will strive to be the lantern bearer of life, love and faith. I will welcome all with an attitude of hospitality, inclusion, tolerance and solidarity where the community will feel safe and able to grow to their full potential. I will lead with courage and passion in thought, word and purpose to make a difference for the whole of PCW.”

I feel very privileged and proud to be Principal of PCW and look forward to a wonderful 2016 and beyond.

Kind regards,

Filina Virgato
Principal
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Prayer: Opening Prayer for 2016

Dear Members of the PCW Melbourne Community,

This is the start of a new year for all of us, a time to look forward, a time to grow with friends and to learn new things.

Loving Father, as we begin a new academic year, we pray for your guidance. Help us all this year to work to the best of our ability so that we may reach our full potential. May we treat all those that we meet with respect, compassion and kindness. Direct us to always consider the needs of others in the wider local community and globally. May our decisions be based on careful consideration and wise choices and may we listen to those who have our best interests at heart. Help us to make this school a community to be proud of, where people feel included and welcomed. May this be a year full of hope and expectation.

We ask this prayer through Christ Our Lord,

Amen
Upcoming Events

Week Beginning Monday 8th February
Monday 8th February   PCW Melbourne Open Morning (9.30 am)
Tuesday 9th February   Welcome Eucharist (Period 1)
                      Finance Meeting (5.30 pm)
                      Board Meeting (7.00 pm)
Wednesday 10th February   Ash Wednesday
                          Music Festival Rehearsal (Period 4)
                          School Assembly
                          Senior School Information Evening

Week Beginning Monday 15th February
Tuesday 16th February   Parent Association Meeting (7.30 pm)
Wednesday 17th February   Music Festival Rehearsal (Period 4)
                          House Assembly (Swimming / Music Festival)
Thursday 18th February   Welcome Ceremony VCE Cross Campus Studies (Period 3)

Week Beginning Monday 22nd February
Tuesday 23rd February   Year 7 Welcome BBQ (5.30 pm)
Wednesday 24th February   Music Festival Rehearsal (Period 4)
Friday 26th February     Immunisations
                          Year 7—12 conclude at 1.00 pm
Sunday 28th February    Open Day (1.00 pm - 4.00 pm)

Week Beginning Monday 29th February
Monday 29th February    Music Festival Rehearsal (Period 4)
Friday 4th March        Swimming Sports

Week Beginning Monday 7th March
Monday 7th March        Grade 6 Interviews (4.00 pm—9.00 pm)
Tuesday 8th March       Finance Meeting (5.30 pm)
                      Board Meeting (7.00 pm)
Wednesday 9th March     Assembly (Dux & High Achievers)
                      Grade 6 Interviews (4.00 pm - 9.00 pm)
Thursday 10th March     SCSA Tennis

Week Beginning Monday 14th March
Monday 14th March       Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 15th March      Parent Association Meeting (7.30 pm)
Thursday 17th March     SCSA Swimming
Friday 18th March       Year 12 Classes at PCW finish at 1.00 pm
                      Year 12 Formal
Photos

School photos were taken last Monday 1st February. To order these photos you need to go to the Arthur Reed website www.arphotos.com.au You will be asked to enter an ordering code which is 1602PM216.

Orders can be placed online up until 11.59 pm on Thursday February 11, 2016. Orders placed after this time will incur an additional $9.95 for shipping.

Additional benefits including family discounts and late orders can all be accessed online.

If you don’t have access to a computer please don’t hesitate to contact Trish on 8517.2704 and she will be able to assist you.

Scholarships

PCW Melbourne will again be offering Scholarships for 2017. The following scholarships will be offered:

- The Nano Nagle Scholarship (for a student entering Year 12)
- The PCW Melbourne Young Achiever Award (for a student entering Year 11)
- The Seven Sisters Dreaming Indigenous Scholarship (for a current student or student entering Year 7)
- The Ruby Tout Academic Scholarship (for students entering Years 7, 9 & 11)
- Music Scholarship (for students entering Years 7 and 9)
- Community Scholarship (for students entering Years 7, 9 & 11)

All details, including application forms can be found on the College website:  http://www.pcw.vic.edu.au/Enrolment/Scholarships.aspx

Applications for all scholarships will close on:

- Year 7: Friday March 18, 2016
- Year 8—11 (& Seven Sisters Dreaming): Friday June 17, 2016

If you need further information or clarification please contact Trish Chester (Principal's PA) on 8517.2704 or office@pcw.vic.edu.au
Music Festival

The annual Music Festival will be held at Hamer Hall on Tuesday 1st March. Rehearsals have begun and are being held after school on a Monday and Thursday from 3.15 pm until 4.30 pm. Details regarding ticket sales and the actual day of the Music Festival will be emailed in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you all at Hamer Hall.

Canteen Specials

Week Commencing Monday, 8 February
MUFFIN: Apple & Cranberry
SALAD: Rice

Week Commencing Monday, 15 February
MUFFIN: Double Choc chip
SALAD: Caesar

Students can place LUNCH ORDERS before school and at recess. They can pick up their orders at the back door and avoid lining up with the crowds at lunchtime.

Breakfast
The Canteen is open for breakfast every morning from 7.45 am until 8.20 am

The following is available for $1.00:
2 x slices of toast—butter, jams, vegemite and juice
Cereal & Juice or Yoghurt & Juice

Ham & Cheese Croissants $3.50
Plain Croissants $2.00
Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls $2.00
Canteen Price List: 2016

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Thank you for supporting this great new initiative. Your positive feedback has been very encouraging. All parents should now have set up a profile for each daughter at PCW Melbourne. Only one parent/carer can be linked to CareMonkey. It is essential that any changes to your email address are reported ASAP so that communication can be maintained.

We are hoping to send all permission forms via CareMonkey this year so please respond to requests for permission as soon as you can.

If you are having trouble with CareMonkey in regards to logging in or uploading information, you can contact them directly. See below.

Once again, thank you for your support with this. We are certain that it will facilitate communication in regards to permissions for all involved.
Commissioning & Blessing of our new Principal

Last Friday 29th January the staff of PCW Melbourne along with representatives from our Board of Directors, Presentation Sisters Leadership team and members of Filina’s family gathered together for a Commissioning and Blessing Ceremony for our new Principal, Filina Virgato.

At this ceremony, Filina was presented with a symbolic candle, which other Presentation leaders before her have received. This candle is a symbol of God’s immense love for our world.

Below are some of the prayers for Filina:

Sr Maria: Oh behalf of the Presentations Sisters and all Presentation people, I welcome you. I bless your hands, with which you will do the work of Nano.

Regina: On behalf of the College Board, I will welcome you. I bless your mouth, as you speak the truth in love.

Kelly: On behalf of the PCW Melbourne community, we welcome you. We bless your ears as you listen to the journeys of many.

Barry: On behalf our local Catholic Communities, and as your chaplain, I welcome you. I bless your heart, as you love others as God loves you.

Sr Maria: We welcome you as a Presentation woman, filled with the love of God and compassion for all. We thank you for being faithful to the gospel; and in joy we ask you to take that ‘one step beyond’ as Nano did. So we pray together, invite all present to pray Our Windsor Blessing upon Filina:

May the light of Nano bless you
May the light of your soul guide you,
May the Angel of awakening stir your heart
for what is right and just
May you see in what you do the beauty of your soul
May you feel that love, we call God, within you. Amen
Parent Association

First Meeting: Tuesday 16th February
7.30 pm in the Staff Lunchroom
Drinks & Nibbles provided

The PCW Parent Association work hard to encourage social interaction among parents so that they develop a sense of belonging to the school community. All parents are invited to be a part of the Association and come along to monthly meetings or be involved with activities. All meetings will be advertised in the Lantern—College E-Newsletter and dates are also available on the school calendar, published on the school website: www.pcw.vic.edu.au

Once a month the Parent Association meets—hearing from the Principal and other members of the Leadership Team and Faculty Heads. This unique interaction between the Leadership, Staff and Parents is an opportunity to hear firsthand about developments around PCW and to provide timely feedback to the school from parents.

PA Meeting Dates for 2016:

- Tuesday 16th February @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 15th March @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 19th April @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 10th May @ 7.30 pm
- Friday 20th May (PA Annual Event)
- Tuesday 21st June @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 19th July @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 16th August @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 6th September @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 18th October @ 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 22nd November @ 6.30 pm (Christmas Function)
Visit Us

OPEN DAY

Sunday 28 February 2016

1–4pm

T: 03 8517 2777  E: enrolments@pcw.vic.edu.au
187 Dandenong Rd, Windsor, VIC 3181  pcw.vic.edu.au

143 YEARS OF LEARNING, INNOVATION & FRIENDSHIP
Meet our new Principal, Ms Filina Virgato

Attend our Open Morning on Monday February 8, 2016

**bookings essential**

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VCE Results & Pathways: Class of 2015

PCW Melbourne is a genuinely open-entry school. We are strongly committed to providing each student with the opportunity to experience success and to achieve to the best of her potential. Students are offered a very wide range of studies and all are encouraged to complete six years of secondary school. The results of the 2015 class reflect this commitment, together with the efforts of the students and their dedicated teachers. The results continue a clear pattern over the last decade with:

- Over 80% of our student cohort receiving an ATAR score in the top half of the state
- Nearly 55% scoring in the top third of the state.

Congratulations to the class of 2015

Tertiary destinations

Good VCE results take the students confidently into the next phase of their lives. Course selection is also a crucial part of this process. The effectiveness of the Subject Selection and Careers Program at PCW is indicated by the percentage of students being offered their first preference and the range of courses adopted. Approximately 40% of our students applying for a tertiary course received their 1st preference. Over 80% received an offer from their top 3 preferences.

The course selections of the Class of 2015 will include:

- 4 Lawyers
- 5 Nurses
- 2 Engineers
- 6 Scientists 7 Teachers
- 6 Designers
- 2 Biomedical Scientists
- 9 Business/Finance Specialists
- 7 Psychologists
- 2 Sport Scientists
- 1 Speech Pathologist
- 2 Health Scientists

Class of 2015 Destinations & Round 1 Offers

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### VCE Results & Pathways: Class of 2015 (cont.)

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#### 2015 Destination of First Round Offers

- **Arts** 16%
- **Science, Technology & Engineering** 13%
- **Science, Technology & Engineering** 21%
- **Medicine, Nursing & Health Science** 8%
- **Education** 8%
- **Legal & Business Administration** 5%
- **Law & International Studies** 8%
- **Commerce, Business & Economics** 14%
- **Art, Design & Architecture** 12%
- **Health & Community Service** 2%
- **Hospitality** 1%
House Swimming Sports

PCW Melbourne House Swimming
Friday 4th March
Prahran Pool, Essex Drive

The PCW House Swimming Carnival is designed to be fun and to encourage maximum participation. Whilst attendance is compulsory, the girls will enjoy a healthy, social and fun day.

It is important to note that:
**All Year 7 and 8 students** are to arrive at school at the normal time, 8.30am, and attend Homeroom as normal. Students will then walk with their homeroom teacher to Prahran Aquatic Centre.

**All Years 9 – 12 students** will meet their Homeroom teacher for roll call at the Prahran Swimming Pool at 9am.

Of course, the College Sun Smart Policy will apply. All students are to wear a hat, apply sunscreen, seek shade where possible and keep themselves covered. Students should dress in their House colours and be prepared to enter the water at least once to support their House.

The Kiosk at Prahran Pool will not be operating on the day so all students must bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

The day will conclude at approximately 1.30pm. Students will be dismissed from Prahran Pool. Year 7 & 8 students wishing to return to PCW will be accompanied by a teacher.

We extend a warm welcome to the College community to attend the Swimming Carnival. The sight of familiar faces cheering them on will certainly spur the competitors to do great things for their House!

If you have any questions regarding the Swimming Carnival, please contact me at the College on 8517 2742.

Rachel Ball
Sports Coordinator
Year 7, 2016

Our newest members of the PCW Melbourne Community have enjoyed a positive start to the year. They have settled into their homeroom groups, had success with their locker padlocks, discovered the library, met with their teachers and managed to find the various rooms where they will be located for lessons throughout the year. The girls also took part in a network log-in session to get them up and running with their computers.

The girls look impressive in their uniforms and I was thrilled to see how beautifully presented they were on Monday when the school photos were taken.

We have had two year level assemblies where I explained school procedures. Both assemblies involved question and answer sessions and I was pleased with the thoughtful, considered questions presented. The panel of Homeroom Teachers responded to questions on the spot.

The Year 7 girls have joined their respective house groups to learn songs and dance routines for our Music Festival and it is lovely to see them participate with such enthusiasm. The Music Festival promises to be an exciting experience for all.

On Tuesday 23rd of February we will have the Year 7 Welcome BBQ. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with Homeroom Teachers and to receive relevant information from the Principal, Ms Virgato, and Deputy Principals, Ms Rosati and Ms McGurn. The Year 7 students will open the night by singing the school song for you. The girls have already started rehearsing for the night. You will receive further information about this event in the near future. Thank you for supporting your daughter throughout this transition phase. It is an exciting time for the girls and their families. I am delighted with the positive start to the academic year.

Jude Wright
Year 7 Co-Ordinator
Congratulations to 2015 Art & VET Media Students

Congratulations to Christine Chow, whose 2015 VET Media work (a screen shot of which is shown below) will feature in this year’s Top Designs exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. Christine will be studying Technology/Science at Monash University this year.
Congratulations to 2015 Art & VET Media Students (cont.)

Camille Thomas, who will be studying Fine Arts in expanded studio practice at RMIT, will be displaying her work at the NGV as part of this year’s Top Arts exhibition.

This is how Camille described her piece, “Be Confident in Yourself”: ‘I began this work exploring the idea of Australian culture in relation to women. However over time the work became more about the social and cultural pressures I felt this year. These pressures reflected my agitated mindset as I finished high school and came to the end of my adolescence. Working with diary excerpts I created a 24 page visual diary of my experiences. I looked at the judgements, questions and memorable moments that have occurred this year. Using subtle imagery and thought provoking sentences these diary entries are an exploration of who I am and who I am becoming as a young woman influenced by Australian culture”.

PCW Melbourne is very proud of both these students and we look forward to seeing their work exhibited soon.

Joy Mackey
Head of Art and Technology
News: Performing Arts

Term 1 is always a busy term on the Performing Arts calendar at PCW Melbourne! With rehearsals already starting for Music Festival, the College Music Captains will be working with their respective houses intensively for the next four weeks to ensure a fantastic celebration of Music, Drama and Dance. We hope you will join us for a very special night at Hamer Hall at the Arts Centre Melbourne on Tuesday the 1st of March. Tickets on sale SOON through the PCW Melbourne office – WATCH THIS SPACE!

This term, our Drama and Theatre Arts Students will be very busy watching professional companies present the highest quality Australian theatre! We look forward to hearing all about it.

In other news, PCW Melbourne and CBC St Kilda’s combined musical production of ‘Bugsy Malone’ will be held in August and audition details for interested students will be available very soon!

Don’t forget to come along and say hello to the Performing Arts Faculty this Open Day and chat about all the exciting opportunities available to PCW Melbourne students in the Performing Arts!

Until next time,
The Performing Arts Faculty

PERFORMING ARTS IMPORTANT DATES:

Music Festival Rehearsals (First four weeks of term 1)
- Variety Acts – Monday and Thursday (afterschool) Wednesday (Period 4), Sunday 28th February (9am-1pm)
- Instrumental Acts – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (before school)
- Choir – Monday and Tuesday (lunchtime)

Year 8 In-house Performance
- ‘Cyberia’ presented by Brainstorm Productions – Tuesday 23rd February, Period 4

Open Day
- Come and say hello to the Performing Arts Faculty on Open Day – Sunday 28th February, 1-4

Music Festival
- Hamer Hall, Arts Centre Melbourne - Tuesday 1st March, 7pm

‘Bugsy Malone’ Auditions
- Dates and times – to be confirmed

Year 11 Theatre Arts Excursion
- ‘Picnic at Hanging Rock’, Malthouse Theatre – Thursday 3rd of March

Year 11 Theatre Arts Excursion
- ‘The Secret River’, Arts Centre Melbourne – Wednesday 16th March
Bell Times: 2016

In 2016 PCW Melbourne and CBC St Kilda have adjusted the Bell Times. This new timing will mean that Recess will occur after Period 1. This adjustment was based on feedback from staff, parents and students. We will be having a marginal reduction to lunch time which still enables us to run current activities and an earlier finish time. This earlier finish time is supportive and effective for: Professional Learning, Afterschool Music Festival and Musical Rehearsals, Afterschool Meetings and Sports Training. It also ensures that no class time has been diminished.

Kelly McGurn
Deputy Principal, Staff

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Booklists for 2016

2016 Booklist

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The online ordering system will open on 9 November 2015.

To order go to: www.lamontbooks.com.au

Select Textbooks and Stationery and choose PCW Melbourne from the list.

HOME DELIVERY - PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED

Order by 13 December: FREE postage & handling on orders over $60

OR

Order on or after 14 December: The following postage charges apply:
$9.50 for orders under $100
$15 for orders over $100

COLLECT YOUR ORDER FROM SCHOOL

PRE-PAYMENT IS OPTIONAL - YOU CAN PAY ON COLLECTION

Order by 13 December: FREE processing and handling

OR

Order between 14 December - 11 January: A $5.00 processing and handling fee applies.

SCHOOL COLLECTION DATE:

Monday 18 January: 2pm – 5pm

Orders MUST be placed by 11 January for school collection

Orders placed after this date will be home delivered and our standard delivery charges apply.

Save money by placing your order before 13 December 2015!

If you choose to come to our office in January, we will assist you to place an order that will be home delivered.

You will NOT receive any books on the day.
Booklists for 2016 (Cont.)

CBC Booklists

CBC booklists are now online and available for Purchase from OfficeMax Schools


The Code to use the site is: 39DJ3F

Parents receive Free delivery until the 10th of December. Orders are shipped directly and there is no collection day for Books at CBC.
News: Counsellor

Friendships and the transition to secondary school

Starting secondary school can be both an exciting time and one that may bring some worries. Many students expect to make new friends while at the same time some may worry about losing contact with their old friends. Students may be wondering how they will keep in touch and sustain their friendships.

Friends help each other make the transition from primary to secondary school easier. Friends are people that your child can talk to, share things with, confide in and sometimes argue with. Remember, conflict is a normal part of growing up. Conflict is not necessarily bullying, even though it may be upsetting and need resolution.

Parents and friends play different roles in the life of children. You influence your child’s long-term decisions to do with values and morals. Your child’s friends are more likely to influence short-term choices, such as the way they dress and their interests. Strong relationships with you and your child’s friends help your child grow into a well-adjusted adult with strong social skills.

Right now, your child’s friendships will tend to be based on sharing similar interests, acceptance and sharing. Same-sex friendships are the norm during the first years of secondary school.

Helping your child keep their current friends

Friendships need time, attention and trust if they are to survive. Ensure your child has the opportunity to spend time with their friends to maintain their connection.

Talk to your child about their friends – what things they like to do with them and the things they appreciate or like about their friends. Talk about ways your child could show their friends how much they mean to them.

Talking with your child can also give you the chance to start a conversation about how they are going with their friends, and they are more likely to talk to you about any problems that come up. Listen to your child and use open-ended questions. As part of your talks, you could let your child know about your own friendship history. This might help them see other options and help them feel understood.

Through your behaviour and the time and effort you put into your own friendships, your child will learn how to be a friend and have friends.

Talk to your child about forgiveness. Sometimes friends do things that upset us. This doesn’t mean the friendship has to end. Understanding that everyone makes mistakes is an important lesson to learn.
Helping your child make new friends at school

Friendships are usually made between those who have common interests, but it takes time.

Some children make friends easily, others find it difficult. You know your child best and will know how they will feel about approaching children they don’t know and starting up a conversation.

If your child has some difficulties, encourage them to:

✦ be approachable by saying hello, smiling and not appearing too anxious
✦ look for someone else who may also seem shy and talk to them
✦ encourage your child to ask questions to start conversations, like ‘what school did you go to last year’, ‘do you like music/maths/running (whatever your child is interested in)’, ‘what’s your favourite subject this year’ and ‘why do you like it’ listen to what others are saying and suggest that they look for an opening before saying something, even if they are feeling self-conscious or awkward.

Outside school

Support your child’s interests and get them involved in clubs or groups that have similar interests.

Encourage your child to have a wide range of friends from places such as sports or social clubs, music or dance classes. This means they can form friendships with children other than those at their school and with whom they share an interest.

The internet also lets young people make friends in new ways. Friendships built through social networking are different from real-life relationships. In the best cases, these friends offer your child a chance to talk about sensitive issues without fear of being judged, and a chance to experiment with identity in a more or less anonymous way. You’ll still need to monitor your child’s online friendships and social media activity to ensure that they are staying safe.

Your child’s friendships can often be very fluid. It is the quality of friends that your child has that is important, not the number. Whether your child has one special friend or many friends isn’t the issue. As long as they are happy and content you can be assured that they’ll do fine.

Julie Andronaco
Clinical Psychologist/ Student Counsellor
Careers

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing holiday and are ready to start the new school year.

Over the summer break our 2015 graduates all received their first round tertiary offers. Over 80% of students received an offer for one of the first three preferences. This may increase slightly with second round offers being made later this week. Well done graduates of 2015!

It is never too early to think about what you want to do beyond life at PCW Melbourne and the Careers Room has numerous resources to get you thinking. The VTAC (Victorian Tertiary and Admissions Centre) website contains a number of useful publications and the course search link: http://delta.vtac.edu.au/CourseSearch/searchguide.htm is a particularly useful tool for those in years 10 to 12. They will use this in various sessions throughout the year. Another useful online resource is the Governments My Future website: http://myfuture.edu.au/.

Open days are another way to get a feel for a university and once the full list of dates is published I will put it up on the Pathways Wiki. When the Career Newsletters start these will also get added to the Wiki, emailed to senior students and be attached to the Lantern. These have information with regards to open days, other university sessions, folio preparation workshops and other tertiary and career pathway related matters so well worth a read.

I will be available in the Careers room Monday through to Thursday to discuss any matters related to subject selection, career options and tertiary pathways with you and your daughters. I hope to run some lunchtime sessions and invite in speakers to talk about their university experiences and careers. I would love to utilise the parent and alumni network so if you are interested in participating then please let me know via the contact details below.

All year levels from 7-12 will have opportunities to look at how they learn and their future pathways at various sessions during the year. I encourage you to take part in this when invited and to discuss the subject matter with your daughters. The school will continue to run information evening sessions with regards to this and your daughters’ education, so check the calendar dates for these. The first will be the Senior (VCE) Information Evening on Wednesday the 10th of February. Mr Pearce and I will also put important information related to all this on the Pathways Wiki on the college portal.

Please feel to ring or email me to make an appointment should you wish to discuss matters related to tertiary pathways and careers.

Megan Larritt
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Email: mlarritt@pcw.vic.edu.au
Camp Blue

If any students currently attending PCW Melbourne are interested in attending these Day Camps they would be most welcome. Current families will be offered a $50 discount on the cost of the program. Please use the promo code: PCWMelbourne
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name: ____________________________ School REF ID: ____________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname: ____________________________ First name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
Town/suburb: ____________________________ State: ____________ Postcode: ____________
Contact number: ____________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)
☐ YES ☐ NO OR
☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorize the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorize the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

* DHHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
* This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child’s enrolment as a registered Victorian school student continues or until I withdraw it by contacting the school.
* I cannot obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
* If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
* Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Trustee for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance. You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your school’s business office.

Signature of applicant: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or,
- on the first day of Term two:
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004; that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or,
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and,
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 – Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive. For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 10 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home-schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 20 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However, schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.