

Hilltop News

DIMBOOLA MEMORIAL SECONDARY COLLEGE
“DEEDS NOT WORDS”



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Community Rep - Tony Schneider, Charles Rees (RSL), Kaylee Withers (student)

DET Rep – Charlotte Pyers, *Student Rep's* – Jessica Revell, Amy Zippel

December 18th 2018

“DMSC is a Child Safe school”

Respect

Honesty

Excellence

Care

Freedom

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 21 Last Day of Term 4

2019

Jan 29 Office Open

Jan 30 Year 7, 11 and 12 Students commence

Jan 31 All students attend – including VCAL students

A message from our Principal...

Tonight we have celebrated the many achievements of DMSC students from throughout this year. While not every student has been invited to cross the stage, I would like to congratulate all of our students who have attended school every day and exhibited a positive attitude towards their learning. It is this commitment to education that makes our school a great place.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to formally thank every parent/carer/guardian, who has supported their son or daughter at Dimboola Memorial Secondary College. Schools cannot function effectively without support from the whole community. To the local businesses and organisations who have worked with us this year, I sincerely thank you too. We are fortunate to have many established relationships with local groups and we hope to build on those next year.

To our enthusiastic volunteers – who may be MATES mentors, canteen helpers, those who help at Aths and Swimming or maintaining our Avenue of Honour, we sincerely thank you for willingness to support our school.

To the teachers and support staff who continue to work to deliver the best outcomes for students – thank you. Your tireless efforts are appreciated and I look forward to further developing our professional expertise in 2019. I would particularly like to acknowledge the support and commitment exhibited by the DMSC Leadership Team. Assistant Principal, Sally Klinge, Leading Teachers, Charlotte Pyers and Luke Werner, Learning Specialists, Jackson O'Neill and Kristin Klinge and Daily Operations Coordinator, Marianne Tellbach, have all done an excellent job in their respective roles and they have all worked towards the improvement of outcomes for all students who attend our school. I look forward to working with them all again next year.

The school has been wonderfully supported by a dedicated School Council – thank you to President, Lisa Polycarpou, parents: Lynley Robinson, Teresa Smith, Neil Zippel, Kellie Laverty and Kylie Barry. Thank you also to RSL co-opted member Charles Rees, and community co-opted member, Tony Schneider. Our student representatives this year were Jessica Revell, Kaylee Withers and Amy Zippel and they were great advocates for the students. I would also like to acknowledge the two DMSC staff members who also willingly give of their time to school council – Sally Klinge and Charlotte Pyers. All of these people who have been members of School Council have the betterment of DMSC at heart.

Finally, well done to the students who value and utilise the opportunities that DMSC provides. As stated above, there have been a tremendous amount of achievements this year, in a wide range of endeavours; however there have also been innumerable successes for those students who tend to fly under the radar – and may be never singled out for a specific award or accolade. Particular mention to our outgoing School Captains, Danni Haebich and Tristan Rayes – you have been wonderful leaders and ambassadors for our school and I have no doubt that you both have exciting and successful futures ahead of you. To all students – thank you for your collective efforts and I am confident that 2019 will bring continued success. I am immensely proud of you and our school.

Thank you to Greg and Kerryn Bolwell

After 18 years behind the wheel, Greg and Kerryn Bolwell are retiring from their roles as bus drivers. Many of our students have been safely ferried to school over these years and we are truly appreciative of the efforts of Greg and Kerryn during this time. We wish them well with the next chapter of their lives.



Farewell to Staff

On Friday, we will be officially farewelling two staff members.

Ms Bella Turnbull

Bella came to us at the start of 2017 – taking on the role of english, humanities and drama teacher. Moving from Melbourne, Bella quickly adjusted to country life and by 2018, had immersed herself in various aspects of the school and the Dimboola community. Bella has led the SRC in 2018 and has built very positive relationships with the student body. We wish Bella all the best as she continues her career in Prahran.

Mr Jake Anders

Jake commenced with us at the beginning of the year – teaching Outdoor Education and Environmental studies and Health and PE. Jake has arranged several camps and excursions during this time, enabling our students to undertake some different outdoor experiences as a part of their studies. We wish Jake well with his future endeavours.

We welcome:

Jessica Fell – Teaching staff

Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and I hope you have a happy and healthy New Year. See you in 2019.

Anne Gawith
Principal

Merry Christmas

*From the 9/10
Media Class*





2019 – School Year – Starting Dates

Staff Return – Tuesday January 29 – Office Open

Year 7, 11 & 12 Students commence - Wednesday January 30

ALL students attend – Thursday January 31

(This includes all VCAL students)

The staggered start to the year will provide the Year 7s with a settling in day. On this first day, the Year 7s will be assisted with organisational matters, school familiarisation and there will also be pastoral care activities run in conjunction with the senior students.

VCE and VCAL classes will also use part of their first day to attend to administrative matters and will have sessions on study habits and expectations of the senior school.

Please note that all VCAL students will be expected to attend on both the Wednesday and Thursday of the first week. A special program will be delivered.

If you have any queries regarding this arrangement please contact the school. 5389 1460