

Newsletter

1ST EDITION
9TH FEBRUARY 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS

Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to another exciting and productive year of teaching and learning at Bentleigh Secondary College.

A very warm welcome to all the new students and their families. You are embarking on a wonderful learning journey which will be enhanced by always trying your personal best. Our college provides you with facilities and resources which are yours to use to maximise your learning opportunities.

The 13.4 million upgrade and construction of the new buildings and refurbishment is well on track.

I am pleased to report that the college continues to build upon our successes. Our enrolments in 2018 have continued to increase and we welcomed 200 Year 7 students to our College. Our 2017 VCE results were excellent and we congratulate all the students. Our results demonstrates our commitment to continual improvement.

I would like to acknowledge the exemplary work by all teachers and educational support staff to ensure the school is recognised as a provider of exemplary government education characterised as a hub of educators, learners and leaders. We also congratulate our College Dux, Didan (Julia) Qian who received an ATAR score of 96.30

Please find details pertaining to 2018 School Council Elections.

"Being the best you can be"

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12 Feb Bands commence rehearsing
House Chorals incursion Pd 1-6
- 13 Feb Year 7 Music Recruitment Day
- 14 Feb Whole School Assembly
- 15 Feb Kingston Senior Cricket
- 19 Feb Kingston Intermediate Cricket
Chorals Rehearsals
PAC 3:30 - 4:30pm
- 19-21 Year 8 Click Against Hate
- 21 - 23 Year 7 Camp Rumbug-Foster
Feb North
- 26 Feb Kingston Lawn Bowls Day
Year 7 Band lessons & Band
Rehearsals commence
Chorals Rehearsals
PAC 3:30 - 4:30pm
- 27 Feb Year 8 Medieval Europe Expo
- 28 Feb Year 11 Unit 3 OES Grampians
- 2 Mar



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Bentleigh Secondary College

Congratulates the Class of 2017

for your excellent VCE results and
valued contribution to our school community.



2018 Open Twilight

Tuesday 27th March
5:00pm to 7:30pm
in the Performing Arts
Centre



2017 DUX

Congratulations
to our 2017 DUX,
**DIDAN (JULIA)
QIAN**
on her outstanding
ATAR score



Gifted & Talented Program

For Year 7, 2019
**INFORMATION
EVENING**
Wednesday 18th April
7:30pm in the
Learning Centre



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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2018

MS HELENE HIOTIS – PRINCIPAL

The Department of Education and Training has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the election of School Councillors for 2018.

1. Membership

Our School Council consists of six parents, five members of staff, including the Principal, four community members.

2. Terms of Office

School council members are elected (or co-opted in the case of community members) for approximately a two year term. Half the membership is elected or co-opted each year creating vacancies for the annual school council election.

The term of office and rights and responsibilities of community (i.e. co-opted) members are the same as those of elected councillors.

3. Retiring School Councillors

The following members of School Council, while eligible for re-election, retire at the March meeting:

Parents: Mr Malcolm Guy, Mrs Fiona Hickey and Mrs Mandy Lindsay
Staff: Mr Marc Koenig and Carrie Bloomfield

4. Proposed Timeline for Elections

Friday 9 February	Call for nominees
Friday 16 February	Nominations close 4.00pm
Thursday 22 February	Nominations displayed at school Election held if required
Thursday 1 March	Close of ballot 4.00pm Votes counted
Tuesday 20 March	School Council Meeting

5. Voting

If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies in either the parent or staff electorates, an election will be necessary. All parents are entitled to vote for parent representatives and DET employees can vote for staff representatives.

6. Methods of Voting

There are two ways in which you can record your vote on the official voting form during the period Thursday 22 February until Thursday 1 March at 4.00pm.

- Post your vote to school to arrive by 4.00pm on Thursday 1 March;
- Vote in person at school at the General Office, between 8.30am and 4.00pm during the period Thursday 22 February until Thursday 1 March.

7. Nominations of Candidates

There are two distinct categories of elected members of School Council parents and DET employees.

8. Parent Member Category

Parents of a student(s) at the school, who are DET employees, are now eligible for election to this category. However, there is a limit on the number of DET parent members for a given School Council configuration. (The total of DET employee members and DET parent members must be less than half of the total number of School Council.)

9. DET Employee Member Category

To be eligible for election to this category, a person must be a DET employee and either: a parent of a student at the school, and/or employed to work at or for the school.

10. Role of School Councillors

School Councillors currently play an important role in decision-making and the management of our school. They donate many hours to the sub-committees of Council; finance, facilities and Strategic Plan implementation. Councillors belong to one sub-committee; they also attend monthly council meetings and represent the college at many functions. Our four senior school leaders (College Captains and College Deputy Captains play an integral role in School Council) and are co-opted as community members.

SCHEDULE 4

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of School Council of Bentleigh Secondary College

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by
4.00pm on Friday 16 February 2018.

**The ballot will close at 4.00pm on
Thursday 1 March 2018**

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	20 March 2018 to 20 March 2020	3
DET Employee Member	20 March 2018 to 20 March 2020	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Helene E. Hiotis
Principal

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from private insurance companies. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Ms Deborah Muller, After School Study Coordinator

Bentleigh Secondary College runs a Homework Club. This is where students can come and do their homework and get help if they want from the various teachers that attend. It will be run on a Monday and a Wednesday this term and will start on 12 February 2018. It starts at 3.30pm until 4.30pm in the Science area. Fruit and muesli bars are provided free of charge for sustenance.

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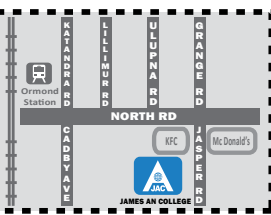
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