Announcement of Assistant Principal for 2015.

Farewell to Mandy Rienits as Assistant Principal.

It is with regret that I announce that Mandy Rienits is stepping down from the Assistant Principal role for 2015. Those of you who know Ms Rienits will be aware of the endless hours she has put into the College. I would personally like to acknowledge and thank her for all of the support that she provided me when I commenced as Principal last year at Heathmont College. Ms Rienits will continue to be an integral part of the College – albeit on a part time basis – as she will be in charge of Integration and the Library area.

Congratulations to Nina Ling.

Congratulations to Nina Ling who has been appointed as Assistant Principal for 2015. Mrs Ling brings a wealth of experience to the role, having been an Acting Assistant Principal at Upper Yarra Secondary College. She has also been Head of Curriculum while she has been at Upper Yarra Secondary College. This is in addition to the experience she has gained in her role as Head of Senior School whilst at Heathmont. I look forward to her contribution to the Principal team at Heathmont.

Year 7 2015 interviews.

I have recently concluded the interviews with families commencing at the College in 2015, as well as those who are already part of our community. I appreciate the time that they took to come into the school to meet with me. It is very exciting to see the high calibre of students who are entering our College in 2015. Of particular note is the wide variety of students who represent Victoria across a range of sporting endeavours – this will really add to the tone of the College.

Year 8 2015 classes

Due to increased demand at the College, it has been decided to add an ‘extra’ class in Year 8 in 2015. It is a very positive sign to the College of the increased popularity amongst our community, especially as our Year 7 enrolment for 2015 has again risen above the 2014 level. This is a marvellous reflection of the incredible effort that staff have put into the improvement in academic standards at Heathmont College – I thank them for all of their work.

Johanna Walker
College Principal
Dear Parents

Second-hand Textbook Trading

The College is delighted with the outcomes and will continue to use the services of the Sustainable School Shop to enable families to buy and sell their second-hand textbooks and other student resources. We encourage families to continue to support this helpful service.

Please be informed that the complimentary subscriptions provided by the Sustainable School Shop for the past year will commence to expire.

Families are offered three levels of access:

- Search only - registering/logging-in on the Sustainable School Shop, searching all the for sale ads and gaining the sellers’ contact details is free.
- Single items cost $1.00 to be advertised
- Subscription - an annual subscription costs $19.95 and is the most anyone will pay. These are taken by families who have many items to advertise.

The service provides access to second-hand textbooks, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc all year round. Parents can even trade with other parents from nearby schools and sell items no longer in use at our college. Many schools in the area are using this service.

For the best results:

- Register on the website: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- List your items for sale
- List wanted ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The college’s booklists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from the school
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop’s telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don’t have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance
- **You can pre-arrange the transaction and then trade after the texts are not required.**

All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on: 1300 683 337 or help is also available through ‘Contact Us’ on their website at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

We hope you will make the most of this opportunity and gain the benefit from recycling your student’s school items and assist another family at the same time.
Buy and Sell second-hand Textbooks

Simply
- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
  - www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

second-hand textbook trading system
- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's booklists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
  - Exactly the right items to buy
  - Who has the most items you need
  - The cheapest items
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided: 1300 683 337

Cost
- Browse and search the for sale ads for free
- Single items can be advertised for $1.00
- Annual subscriptions $19.95 (includes Ad Matching)

Also Buy & Sell
- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery

Pricing Guide
- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

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helpful tips
- Be patient many new items are listed each day
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don’t make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities
End of term programs

Years 7, 8 and 9 students have one more week of regular timetabled classes. Students have been working very hard, finishing assignments, studying and sitting tests in every subject.

In Week 10: Monday December 8 – Friday December 12, all Middle School students will be participating in the Headstart program. This is a compulsory program, involving beginning the work for the next year, so it is vital that students attend every day and complete all the given tasks. It is an opportunity for students to experience the requirements of the next year and to show that they are ready to progress.

Students must come each day with fully charged laptops, pens and paper and in correct uniform. They can wear correct PE uniform on the day they have PE. Attendance each day will ensure that students begin 2015 having already completed the first task for each subject. Students may also have reading or a task to complete over the holidays in some subjects. Work will be placed on Compass for students and parents to access.

The arrangements for the final week of the year are as follows:

All students can wear PE uniform for the week.

Information regarding the canteen will be provided to students.

Monday December 15:
- Year 7 students have a picnic day. Details will be available on Compass soon and parents can give permission to attend the day via Compass. This excursion has no cost and students will bring their own lunch.
- Year 8 and 9 students will be assisting staff with sustainability duties around the college.

Tuesday December 16:
- Year 8 and 9 students have a picnic day. Details will be available on Compass soon and parents can give permission to attend the day via Compass. This excursion has no cost and students will bring their own lunch.
- Year 7 students will be assisting staff with sustainability duties around the college.

Wednesday December 17:
- Students who are involved in the college Presentation Night will be attending rehearsals.
- All other students will be assisting staff with sustainability duties around the college.

Thursday December 18:
- Students will be assisting staff with sustainability duties around the college.

Alison Richards
Head of Middle School
Last Friday, November 21, 39 Year 8 students and 9 Year 7 students were lucky enough to spend a day with the Little Devils Circus Co. Ben and Shure from Little Devils spent the day teaching students how to juggle and balance as well as use equipment such as the diablo, the poi, the small and large hoop and walking on stilts. The highlight for many students was the performance they gave in front of their peers at the end of the day. Many students discovered new circus skills they never knew they had and then performed them confidently in their circus troupe to a captive audience. The day was a lot of fun and I was so pleased to see students enjoying themselves in this creative environment.

Mrs Sayer.
With the first stage of the VCAL Community Garden complete, we have had our first harvesting of crops. The garden has delivered the school some delicious cos lettuce that the canteen has now incorporated into their menu. This is the first batch of crops that we have been able to use, but definitely won’t be the last. We are looking forward to more crops being used within the school and are optimistic there will be more to come next year!

Jo Sayer & Linda Lopez

Garden To Table
grow, harvest, prepare and share
I would like to congratulate all the Year 8 and Year 9 students who assisted in the successful running of the Great Ryrie Grade 3 Round Robin Tournament on November 7. These students were outstanding ambassadors for Heathmont College as they umpired netball, soccer and basketball games for the day.

They were professional, confident and displayed an ability to navigate diplomatically through some tense and exciting moments. They also were able to encourage and coach young Primary School students through their first Inter-School Sports Tournament. I could not have been prouder as a teacher.

The day ended with a celebration presentation assembly. Mr Peter Henson, Physical Education Co-ordinator at Great Ryrie Primary school, and many teachers/parents representing the competing Primary Schools were present. They praised and acknowledged Heathmont College students for their efforts and the way they encouraged and connected with the Grade 3 students.

On Wednesday December 17 these students and 30 other Year 8 and Year 9 students will be involved in a full day of a professional Sports Leadership and Coaching Development course at Heathmont College. Students have already signed up and expressed interest in coaching and umpiring 2015 Heathmont College Inter-School Sports Teams. This training day must be successfully completed before students are assigned Inter-School teams to coach in 2015.

Mrs Birchall
Physical Education Teacher

As we approach the end of the school year, I remind everyone of the importance of returning all borrowed resources as soon as possible.

Thank you

Elizabeth Downey
STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are requested to ring the College absence line before 9:00am if their student is to be late, away due to illness or for any other reason. We encourage parents to use the College’s Compass Parent Portal to register absences. Unfortunately late arrivals cannot be registered.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Phone 9871 4888 then select 1

Dear parents and students of Heathmont College

I write to inform you that a student in our school community is currently recovering from a life threatening illness. The student participates actively in the normal school program without any major limitations. A major concern, however, is if this student develops measles, chickenpox or other serious infections, they can become seriously ill. I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your son/daughter has or may have measles, chickenpox or any other contagious illness, I request that you do not send them to school during their illness and notify the school as soon as possible.

Rita Chiodo
Student Wellbeing

COLLEGE TOURS

Heathmont College tours have commenced for 2016 Year 7 enrolments.

Appointments can now be made via the website or by calling the office on 9871 4888.

Tours run Wednesdays at 9.15am

Don’t forget to keep those knitting needles and crochet hooks busy producing poppies for our ANZAC commemoration in 2015. Thank you for your contributions already.

Single poppy kits are available from the College office
Heathmont College Uniform Policy and Dress Code

UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale
Uniform assists students to develop a sense of pride in belonging to the college community. It enables identification of our students both at and away from the college. By providing a variety of options, the uniform caters for student preferences and individual needs. College uniform, being neat, distinctive and easy to maintain, minimises the cost of clothing for parents and promotes a safe inclusive sense of community.

Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to:

- assist in the development of self-discipline by specific attention to dress;
- help reduce social and economic differences between students;
- assist in the provision of a safe and secure environment through immediate identification of unauthorised people in the College buildings and grounds;
- foster a positive image of Heathmont College in the local community.

Guidelines
1. All students are required to wear the designated College uniform - see uniform options as listed.
2. College uniform must be worn correctly to and from the college, at the college and for all college activities unless the Principal gives an exemption for a particular activity such as a student-free dress day.
3. College uniform requirements will be described in detail in the student diary, college documents/website.
4. College uniform should be practical and easily available.
5. Heathmont College sports uniform must be worn for physical education and when representing the college at sporting events.
6. Provision through such agencies as the Wellbeing at the College and State Schools Relief Fund will be made to assist families who have financial difficulty in providing a uniform.
7. All staff members are responsible for monitoring student uniform.
8. The Student Code of Conduct will be implemented to ensure that students comply with uniform requirements.
9. Wearing of specialised uniform items such as the Year 12 Jacket/tour windcheaters/sports team uniforms have strict parameters. This guideline will be reviewed by School Council as required.

Basis of Discretion
Exemption from the policy will only be varied by the Principal where special circumstances exist.

Program Implementation
1. The Uniform Sub-Committee will make recommendations regarding changes to uniform.
2. A student who is not in complete uniform must bring an explanatory note from a parent/guardian to the appropriate Level Co-ordinators office prior to period one.
3. Period one teacher must check uniform and record the infringement on COMPASS.
4. The Level Co-ordinator will be responsible for issuing temporary uniform passes to students who provide adequate explanation for being out of uniform.
5. Any student who is out of uniform shall be referred by the appropriate Level Coordinator to the General Office, and will be required to change into correct uniform provided by the College.
6. If a student refuses to change the parent will be contacted and appropriate action will be taken. This may include the student being excluded from class/receiving uniform from home.
7. Persistent offenders will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the college which may include lunchtime detention or after school detention.
8. Physical Education teachers shall ensure that correct PE uniform is worn; this includes safe and supportive sports footwear - no soft canvas runners.
9. PE uniform can be worn all day when a student has a timetabled PE lesson or is representing the college at sport.
10. Acceptable college uniform will be published in the student diary, staff handbook and on the college website.
11. Second hand uniform shop is available through the Uniform Shop.
12. Excursion permission forms will specify if uniform or casual dress is required.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed every two years, with recommended changes to be presented to College Council.
# Heathmont College Uniform Policy and Dress Code

## DRESS CODE

### General

1. Uniform must be clean and tidy
2. Damaged clothing must be repaired promptly - frayed/torn/stained
3. Shoes should be clean with matching shoe laces
4. Any fashion accessories must not be worn with the uniform - this includes excessive jewellery such as bangles/bracelets/necklaces/rings
5. Religious or medical id acceptable

### Seasonal Changes

1. It is recommended that girls’ summer uniform be worn in Term 1 and 4
2. It is recommended that girls’ winter uniform be worn in Term 2 and 3
3. No blending of uniform to occur - e.g. no tights with summer uniform
4. Boys/Girls may choose either shorts or long pants all year

### Uniform length

1. Summer uniform/winter skirt is to be no higher than 5 cm above the top of the knee
2. Shorts to be no higher than 5 cm above the top of the knee
3. Shorts are not to be rolled up
4. Long pants should be neatly hemmed and be at shoe level

### Shorts/Pants

1. Only Heathmont College approved navy shorts/pants may be worn – sold at Uniform Shop
2. Sports shorts cannot be worn except on PE/sports days
3. No skins are to be worn/visible under shorts
4. College track pants only to be worn on PE/sports days
5. Girls’ pants should be plain, navy and ankle length (no logos)

### Polo Tops

1. College white polo top only must be worn
2. Sports top must not be worn as an alternative to white polo
3. Only short sleeved white under layer can be worn under the white polo

### Jumpers/Jackets/Rugby tops

1. College jumpers colour appropriate to Sub School
2. VCE jacket allowed at Year 12 only - no modifications to be made by students
3. Spray jacket can be worn all year
4. Sports track suit jackets to be worn at PE/sports events only
5. No hoodies to be worn, including to and from school
6. No special ‘TOUR’ windcheaters/t-shirts to be worn except when given permission by Principal. Special Events garments can be worn with permission from Principal
7. Rugby top can be worn with all uniform

### Shoes/socks

1. All students are expected to wear appropriate black leather school shoes.
   - Boys – black leather lace up school shoes (polishable)
   - Girls – T-bars or black leather lace up school shoes (polishable)
2. No unbuckled T-bars allowed
3. Correct sporting footwear must be worn for PE/sport-no marking soles, must be lace up
4. No canvas/suede/platform heeled shoes allowed
5. No boots allowed – a boot is defined as a shoe which rises above the ankle bone
6. Socks are plain white or black for boys and girls
7. Winter – short white/black plain socks/black tights with the winter skirt
8. No socks to be worn over tights
9. Socks must cover the ankles

### Sports Uniform

1. Only College sports top/shorts and tracksuit are to be worn
2. No leggings/branded track pants are to be worn

### Hair Accessories/Make-up/Tattoos/Piercings

1. Hair colour must be of “NATURAL TONES”
2. Hair must be kept neat and tidy and tied back during specialist classes
3. No extreme hair styles, e.g. mohawks
4. Headbands should be in College colours only-navy/plain
5. No added adornments such as flowers/clips should be worn in hair
6. Scarves may be in single College colour – navy only
7. Hats are not to be worn at school except for ‘sunsmart’ purposes and playing sport.
   - Only sunsmart hats are to be worn at school
8. Make-up be minimal and natural in colour tone
9. No visible tattoos
10. No facial jewellery, paraphernalia or adornments
11. Ear piercings - small studs or small sleepers accepted
**Lost property**

Lost property can be collected from the general

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

**SCHOOL TRADING HOURS**

Uniforms can also be purchased directly from Klad Sports 2/9 Macro Crt. Rowville Tel: 9763 0266

Monday – Thur: 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Saturdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm

~ Cheques are not accepted ~

~ All EFTPOS transactions must be over $20 ~

**SELL YOUR SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS**

Klad sports now offers a second hand uniform service. Uniform items of good quality can be submitted for sale on consignment

Take your freshly laundered quality uniform items to Klad Sports at either the College uniform shop or to their Rowville store. Set a price and a sell by date. If the items are sold Klad Sports will contact you and arrange payment. If items are unsold you will be contacted to collect your items

For more information please contact Klad Sports on

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**Become a Ringwood Redback in Season 2015**

The Ringwood Junior Football Club will have a whole new line up next year and we want you to be a part of it. We are looking for enthusiastic boys and girls for our Football Club. Planning has already begun and we aim to be the club of choice for families who want a local club with a friendly and cooperative atmosphere where fun can be had by all and friendships forged for life.

Please contact Janine Wallace-Smith 0412 941 382 to express your interest today and we will contact you before registration day.

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**Maths Help**

- The library after school on Mondays till 4:00pm
- G3 lunchtime Wed, Thurs and Fri.

Students of all year levels are welcome

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**Knitting Club**

Visit our knitting club on Tuesdays at lunchtime in G3.

Knit for charity and learn a new skill. Wools and needles provided.

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**Needed Urgently**

Empty ice-cream containers or similar for Mrs Carydias (J block) or Mrs Sayer (Middle School). Thank-you.

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**Don’t forget the poppies for 2015.**

Single poppy kits are available from the College office
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.