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Newsletter

Boronia K-12 College : Proudly Learning Together



Welcome

Welcome parents, students and staff to the 2018 school year

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Important dates...

- 13 FEB** SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- 15 FEB** SWIMMING CARNIVAL
- 19 FEB** YEAR 10 & 11 ELEVATE INCURSION
- 19 FEB** TWILIGHT PICNIC
- 23 FEB** PRIMARY DISTRICT SWIMMING
- 26 FEB** YEAR 11/12 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
- 5 MAR** YEAR 9/10 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
- 6 MAR** SNR. ART LOCAL EXHIBITIONS EXCSN.
- 12 MAR** LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

See page 5 for more important dates



Meagan Cook

A very warm welcome is extended to all students and their families, especially those who are new to the Boronia K-12 Community this year. Welcome also to new members of Staff.

Joining Boronia K-12 College in leadership positions:

Kathryn Middleton - Assistant Principal (Secondary)

Adrienne Tanner - Director of Middle School (7-9)

Cassie Wright - Primary Learning Specialist

New members of Staff into classroom teaching positions:

Sarah Dent - Food Technology

Aidan Hudson - Year 1/2

Kat Newman - Health and Physical Education

Nicole Harvey - Year 5/6 (returning from Family Leave)

New Educational Support Staff:

Nicole Costa - Student Well-being Coordinator

I am confident that each of these new staff members will have a positive impact on the future of our College.

Following two successful days of Staff Professional Learning I was pleased with the way in which our students commenced their learning last week. There was a genuine sense of excitement throughout the College as our newly formed sub schools assembled and students and staff re-engaged with "Our Learning Culture".

Our Learning Culture

The Learning Culture at Boronia K -12 College has been developed to create a safe and secure environment for all students to learn in.

On the whole we commend our students for their

behaviour and attitude towards being positive members of our community and we know that when expectations are clearly communicated, and explicit teaching occurs for students, the incidence of non-compliance is minimal and limited to very few individuals.

"Our Learning Culture" is made up of four equally important components:

1. Our College Values:

- Community
- Achievement
- Respect
- Life Long learning

2. Our shared expectations:

- Being on time,
- Being safe and respectful,
- Being ready to learn and
- Being an active and attentive learner

3. A staged response (planned escalation of consequences) that is implemented fairly and consistently by classroom teachers and Sub-School Leaders.

4. Restorative Practices, the tools that frame conversations and conflict resolution.

At Boronia K-12 College, it is the responsibility of every classroom teacher to establish and maintain a positive working environment that allows all students to focus on their core business of learning.

They do this by:

- Planning/Preparing a curriculum that is engaging and

challenging for all students.

- ⇒ Knowing their students as learners and young people
- ⇒ Using best practice frameworks when developing the teaching and learning program
- ⇒ Catering for the diversity of learners in every classroom
- Establishing Classroom "Norms"
 - ⇒ Unpacking our shared expectations with classes
 - ⇒ Utilising cueing in strategies to assist students maintain their focus
 - ⇒ Using warnings to provide students with an opportunity to self-manage and regulate behaviours
 - ⇒ Implementing formal outcomes in the instances when students have been unable to maintain focus - such as conferencing with students to better understand problem behaviour and establishing a plan for their next lesson
- Referring persistent misbehaviour to a Sub School Leader for assistance.

This year our Assistant Principals are taking on new and more focussed roles within our College:

- Brooke Cross is Assistant Principal Wellbeing and Inclusion (K-12)
- Kathryn Middleton is Assistant Principal Middle (7-9) and Senior (10-12) Schools
- Matt Scammell is Assistant Principal Junior School (K-6)

Under their leadership and with our new Sub-School structures and Learning Centres I look forward to seeing our community thrive throughout 2018.

I hope to see many of you at our Twilight Picnic.

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Performing Arts Centre (for musical entertainment from our talented students)

Feel free to bring your own food and a picnic rug and/or enjoy a free sausage sizzle courtesy of the College and Parents Club. Soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Meagan Cook

Principal

First Days of School for Prep



Kathryn Middleton

I would like to officially introduce myself to the Boronia K-12 College school community. After 29 years working at a local secondary school, I decided to apply for the newly created role of Assistant Principal – Secondary, at Boronia K -12. I was fortunate to be successful and was appointed last September.

“Like any person starting a new job (or students beginning a new school), I was nervous and a little apprehensive at first. However, the experience has been very positive and I could not have asked for a smoother start to the year.”

I started working with the leadership team at BK-12 in November of last year and have never looked back. The spirit here at Boronia K-12 is fantastic. The facilities are fabulous, very clean and well maintained. The students are friendly, well presented and engaged in their learning whilst the staff are dedicated, enthusiastic and innovative. Like any person starting a new job (or students beginning a new school), I was nervous and a little apprehensive at first. However, the experience has been very positive and I could not have asked for a smoother start to the year.

If you are interested to know a little bit about me, here are a few facts:

I have lived in Belgrave for the last 20 years with my husband and two children (18 and 22 years old). We also have three dogs (each one naughty in their own way), one cat and a rabbit.

Living on a bush block, we also have lots of visitors including birds (king parrots, crimson rosellas, kookaburras, cockatoos, galahs and magpies), echidnas, wombats, kangaroos, bats, owls and a blue tongue lizard! I am not fussed by the huntsman spiders, but everyone else in the house screams each time they see one.

In my spare time, I enjoy golf, tennis, walking and travelling. I will happily sit and watch a game of AFL or cricket, particularly if my beloved Magpies are playing.

My most memorable and recent holiday was a safari through Botswana and Zimbabwe with my family and I confess, I do have some snap shots on display in my office for visitors to look at.

I look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming term and would like to thank the staff and students for making me feel so welcome. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or queries in relation to Years 7 -12.

Congratulations Jackson!

As one of my first official duties, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Jackson R of Year 9B who has earned the Australian Scout Medallion. Jackson is a member of the 1st Basin Venturer Unit and he is one of only a small percentage of Scouts who reach this level. To attain the top award in each of the five Sections in Scouting reflects initiative in tackling this challenge, sustained effort over many months and years, plus self-discipline, teamwork and leadership. Well done Jackson. We are all very proud of you!

Kathryn Middleton

Assistant Principal - Secondary



Matthew Scammell

Welcome Back!

There is nothing quite like the first day of a school year: fresh faces, clean uniforms and the hum of voices in the school yard sharing holiday stories. Whether you're a student or teacher, you are somewhat upset the Summer Holidays have come to an end but excited and curious about your new class and thinking about the wonderful things the new year will bring.

It was an even more exciting start to the year at our school this year, as students and teachers explored their new learning areas. After a full school week in their new homes, it's safe to say that the new building allocations are a great success. All year levels have had a settled start to the academic year and have already formed positive routines.

Getting to Know You Conferences

It is tradition to make 'resolutions' on New Year's Eve, in order to improve ourselves in the coming year. This is also true for the beginning of a school year. For staff and students, it is a time to think about where we want to focus our energy, what we would like to achieve by the end of the year and how we are going

to get there. We all know many resolutions can fall over within days of the new year starting and in many instances, this can be attributed to the absence of a plan. It's wonderful to dream big, but in order to turn these dreams into reality we need a plan and a deadline!

Setting goals and having a plan plays a fundamental role in helping students reach their full potential. In these early weeks of Term One, we encourage you to discuss your child's aspirations with them and together develop goals and a plan to get there. 'Getting to Know You' conferences, scheduled in Weeks Two and Three, are also a fantastic opportunity to discuss goals and how we can all support each student to reach their full potential.

Interviews can be booked through the Compass Parent Portal. If you are having issues accessing or navigating Compass, please contact the General Office.

We hope to see everyone at our first Junior Assembly of the year on Monday morning.

I wish everyone great success in 2018.

Matthew Scammell

Assistant Principal - Primary



Brooke Cross

Welcome back to school for 2018, and a massive welcome to all of our new students and their families! We hope that all families and students had a restful, safe, enjoyable and fun holiday break. It has been fabulous to see all the energised and smiling faces around the College in the last two weeks. We are looking forward to a very busy year in Wellbeing with a number of new initiatives ready to launch, as well as the continuation of a number of invaluable and well established programs continuing. My role this year also includes inclusion, and managing our Program for Students with a Disability. I will be meeting many of you at care team meetings and SSG's throughout the year in this role.

Breakfast club will resume for the year, next Monday the 12th of February at 8:20 am with the kitchen closing at 8:50 to allow staff and students time to get to class by 9:00. We will continue to serve up a wholesome and delicious breakfast for students throughout the College, five mornings per week in the foyer of the Performing Arts Centre. We couldn't run this program without the assistance of our staff who volunteer their time each week. A massive thank you to them! Our Doctors in Schools program resumed for Secondary students this week also.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Student Wellbeing co-ordinator Nicole Costa. Nicole has a background in social work and counselling and has already made herself invaluable to our school with her bright and vivacious personality and kind and supportive approach. Nicole and I are both based in the Wellbeing Centre, in-between the ELC and the Design and Technology building. Please drop by to say hello and visit our newly refurbished space that is beginning to resemble an indoor jungle!

Brooke Cross

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing & Inclusion



Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
9 February	Year 7 Camp Returns
12 February	School Banking Commences 2018
13 February	School Photo Day
15 February	Whole School Swimming Carnival
19 February	Year 10 Elevate: Study Sensei Incursion Year 11 Elevate: Student Elevation Incursion
23 February	Primary District Swimming Carnival
26 February	Year 11/12 Interschool Sport Round Robin
2 March	School Photo Catch up Day
5 March	Year 9/10 Interschool Sport Round Robin
6 March	Unit 1 & 3 Studio Art Local Exhibitions Excursion Junior School Information Evening
7 March	Primary Division Swimming Carnival Middle School Information Evening
8 March	Year 1/2 Past & Present Excursion Senior School Information Evening
12 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
13 March	Yr. 8 Interschool Sport Round Robin
19 March	Whole School Athletics Carnival Parents Club AGM
20 March	Yr. 7 Interschool Sport Round Robin
23 March	Unit 1 & 3 Studio Art City Exhibitions Excursion

DATE	EVENT
27 March	Open Night - 6.30pm
29 March	Primary Easter Bonnet Parade End of Term Assembly & Easter Raffle Draw Last Day Term 1
16 April	First Day Term 2
18 May	Primary District Cross Country
23 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
24 April	Primary District Athletics Carnival
25 April	ANZAC Day
2 May	Year 11 Elevate: Study Skills Kick Start Incursion
18 May	Primary District Cross Country
23 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
1 June	Primary Division Cross Country Carnival
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
22 June	Year 5/6 Girls Interschool AFL
29 June	Last Day Term 2
16 July	First Day Term 3
14 August	Year 5/6 Hoop Time Competition
4 - 6 September	Lamont Book Fair
21 September	Last Day Term 3
10 October	Primary Division Athletics Carnival
22 October - 2 November	Prep - Year 6 Swimming Program

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WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



**PERMISSION FORMS
DUE VIA COMPASS
BY TUESDAY 13TH FEB 2018**

CROYDON MEMORIAL POOL
THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018

Around the College

School Photos

Compass Photos will undertake our whole school photos on **Tuesday 13 February** with the opportunity for sibling portrait photos to be taken at lunchtime. If you would like a sibling portrait picture to be taken, please contact the General Office.

If your child cannot attend our whole school photo day, catch up photos will be on held **Friday 2 March** with sibling portrait photos also available on the day.

Parents can pre order their photos through the Compass portal on the Community Tab or alternatively by phone with credit card to Compass Photos on (03) 8640 9640. Please note, if you order your photos by phone this incurs a \$10.00 processing charge.

Students must be in full school uniform, as per the College Dress Code.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the General Office on 9760 4900.

Secondary School Vaccinations

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card

regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Knox City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose.

What information goes to local council?

Schools provide the following basic student and parent/guardian contact information:

- Student name, gender, date of birth, year level, class, language(s) spoken at home
- Parent/guardian names, phone numbers, email and postal addresses

Why do schools provide this information?

- To ensure all Year 7 and 10 students are offered the opportunity to access free vaccinations at school.
- To improve communication with parents/guardians regarding their child's vaccination needs
- To reduce the administrative burden on school staff to follow-up consent cards

What do I need to do?

Your information will be provided to Knox City Council in March 2018. If you do not wish for your details to be provided, please advise the school in writing **before Wednesday, 28 February, 2018**.

Read the information provided in your child's consent card booklet and complete all sections, regardless of whether or not you consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based program.

Detach Part A of the consent card booklet with all fields completed, and return to school.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

Every day vaccination saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and disability caused by many infectious diseases. All Year 7 and 10 Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free.

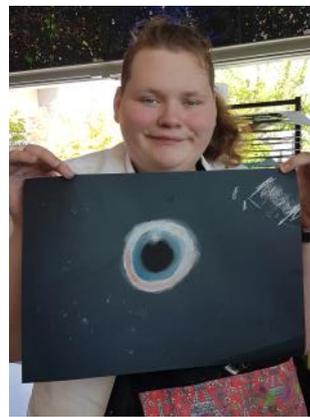
For further information please go to the following links:

- [Privacy Policy](#)
- [Better Health](#)
- [Immunisations Info for Parents](#)
- [Immunisations Info for Students](#)

A glance at

YEAR 10 ART

Year 10 Art students have been experimenting with dry pastels to create large scale close up drawings of animal and human eyes. Students are learning how to deal with the temperamental material, especially because it smudges easily and creates a fine powder that they are not used to. At the moment we are experimenting with techniques and trying to keep our clothes clean!





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Twilight Picnic

New families to our ELC, Prep and Year 7 cohorts, other year levels, and existing families, are invited to attend our Twilight Picnic

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Monday 19 February

Free sausage sizzle provided



Feel free to BYO food and picnic rug. Soft drinks will be available for purchase through the Parents' Club.

Sit back and enjoy musical entertainment provided by our
Instrumental Music Program

Welcome Senior Students!

We would like to welcome the Senior Students for 2018 into our new home! There have been a number of changes in the Senior Years for 2018, including Mr Knowles taking over as the Director of Senior School and Mr D'Rozario as the Assistant Director of Senior School. Ms Case will be focusing on VCAL in 2018, as we implement our new School Based Apprenticeship (SBAT) VCAL program for Years 11 and 12.

We would like remind our students of the need to be in home group each morning, as this is a compulsory part of the day, in which important information is shared and home group teachers can touch base with students. This is also where uniform passes will be issued for students in the Senior Years. Home group teachers are also the first point of contact for parents for any concerns or support required for students.

2018 is shaping up to be our best yet in Senior Years, with a number of exciting incursions booked (such as Elevate) and programs being developed for the students!

The Senior Years Team

Our Year 11 and 12 VCAL students have been busy setting up their room, moving, and sorting all of their tools and materials in preparation for the construction of the Pizza Oven. Students have been busy making phone calls, arranging deliveries and purchases and conducting a safety audit of their project.

They will be getting their hands dirty over the coming weeks as they put together the pizza oven kit, render the base they built in step up sessions at the end of last year and learn to cook fabulous pizzas, baked potatoes and more in our new oven when completed.



SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS



Coles has launched their 2018 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that we will be participating, and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment. Vouchers are available in all Coles stores.

We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children. Please visit coles.com.au/sportsforschools for more information about the program.

Next week our collection box will be located in the front of foyer of the Gym and the General Office, so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into class.



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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Enter Now
W I N

Ron
Mueck

INSPIRED

All students
welcome to
enter



ART DEPARTMENT

Artist of the Month: Ron Mueck

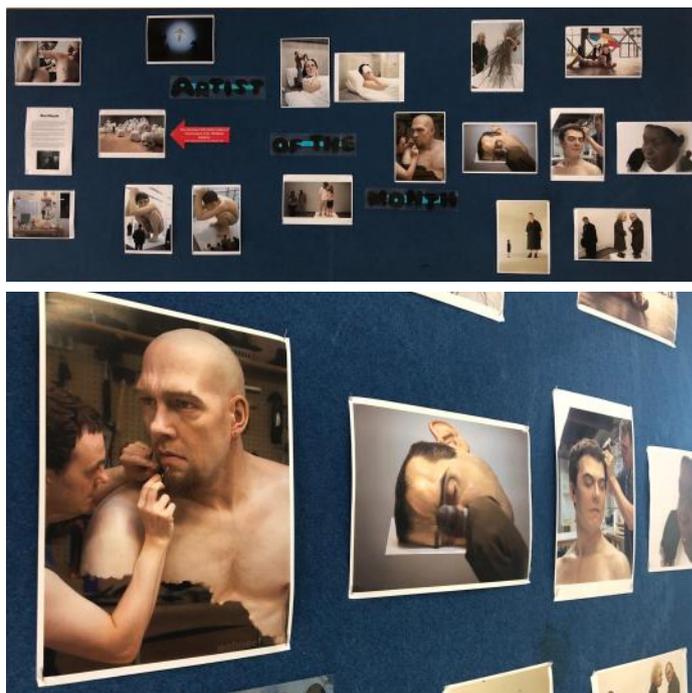
Our first Artist of the Month for 2018 has been selected, Ron Mueck!

Check out our Artist of the Month display (in the corridor outside of the secondary art room) to learn all about him. The display will be up until the end of this month and once again we are running the competition for artworks inspired by this artist!

What do we mean by inspired? Your artwork can be your own interpretation of Mueck's work. Whether it be the colour, the technique, the style, we want to see what this artist makes you want to create!

The competition is open to all year levels!

Enter your Ron Mueck inspired artwork to Ms. Wills or Ms. Tandber to win a prize and have your artwork on display around the school!



BE ACTIVE PROGRAM



Our Year 9 students have recently completed an expression of interest survey which gives them an opportunity to have input into the types of recreational and physical activities they will participate in throughout the year.

Our staff are currently in the process of collating the results and making bookings. We will issue a Be Active selection sheet to each Year 9 student early next week for them to select their preferences. All Year 9 students will be involved in an activity either at school or off campus each week.

We will offer activities in four week blocks so that students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities each semester. Some activities will require a fee and for others there will be no cost.

During the next three weeks of Be Active, students will participate in a variety of team building activities and small games in their home groups.

Please remember to bring your full sport uniform, a hat, sunscreen and a drink bottle on Mondays!



Are you interested in helping out at our school and community events? Check out our...

PARENTS' CLUB

Our parent run committee, organising numerous fundraising and community events throughout the school year. Every helping hand is appreciated.

**KEEP AN EYE ON COMPASS FOR
UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS**

Email: parents.club@boroniak-12.vic.edu.au

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Boronia K-12 College has a thriving and growing Secondary Instrumental Music program. Lessons are available from staff who are fully qualified teachers as well as experienced performers in the following instruments: singing, guitar, bass guitar, piano/ keyboard, drums, ukulele.

The fee for learning an instrument is \$200 for the whole year or \$300 to learn two instruments.

Students learning an instrument are also required to join an ensemble. Numerous performance opportunities are available throughout the year.

Enrolment forms are available from the General Office or the Music Department, these are required for new and continuing instrumental students. Please ensure that if you pay for lessons via Compass, that this Instrumental Music form is also completed and returned to the General Office. Contact Ms McLaren if you have any queries.

Students in Years 5 and 6 can join Streetbeats and Senior Choir, or enquire with Junior Rockers.

Judy McLaren

Instrumental Music Coordinator



Junior Rockers
primary music
education specialists

APPLY FOR MUSIC LESSONS NOW!

Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school.

To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

www.juniorrockers.com

Rather chat in person?
We'd love to speak to you.

Call us on 1300 GO ROCK
(1300 46 76 25)

A GREAT START TO 2018



Unpacking Learning Culture

To kick off the year, the 5/6 students spent some time unpacking Our Learning Culture. By working in groups, the 5/6 students came up with great ideas about what each of our College values looks like, sounds like and what they mean to them.

Positive Self-Talk

In Year 5/6 we have been looking into how Positive Self-Talk impacts our daily lives. Through exploring different scenarios we learnt that people who used Positive Self-Talk were able to bounce back and get on with their day.

Each 5/6 student came up with their own 'Flip that Flop' scenario where they modelled a Positive Self-Talk to overcome a situation. We have had a great start to the year and we are looking forward to the year ahead!



headsup

REENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE



headsup aims to intervene early for young people who are at risk of disengaging from secondary education.

The program utilises a strength based approach to build social and emotional skills.

During the program, young people will be allocated a mentor to support their progress towards reengagement. Assistance with school work is also offered throughout the program.

headsup is for young people who are currently enrolled in Years 7 to 9 at a school within the City of Knox who have

- Irregular school attendance
- Recognised barriers to continued education

headsup will meet for ten sessions, during school time.

3 family sessions for parents/carers will run on a Wednesday evening. Attendance at these sessions forms an important part of the program.

When

Every Tuesday from 17th April to 19th June

Time

9am – 3pm

Place

headspace Knox
2 Capital City Boulevard
Westfield Knox Ozone

To register

Call Andrew on 9801 6088



mountain district
learning centre