# Principal Report

**Michael Fitzgerald**

Over the past two terms, we have just completed a review of our school’s performance. It was a complex process and a highly rewarding one for all involved.

The final ‘next steps’ advice from the Report noted that: “Warrnambool College has a high performing Leadership Team structure, a school improvement framework articulated in “The Warrnambool College Way”, solid financial management, data driven curriculum design, an innovative and effective House structure to support student wellbeing and collaborative workplace practices in place to meet the goals of the new Strategic Plan vision. They have established structures and protocols to support the goals identified in this review process.”

The final Review acknowledged the good work of Warrnambool College from 2012-2015. It identified NAPLAN and VCE performance as being at or above state thresholds and highlighted the improvements in student learning and wellbeing during the same period.

Potential directions for improvement over the next four years have been identified as:

### Classroom Learning:

Focussing on what is happening in classrooms to address stimulating learning, student innovation, teacher effectiveness and teacher empathy. Including focus on effective use of learning technologies and classroom behaviour.

### Wellbeing Support:

Undertake review of services in wellbeing support and examine structure for student support in this area.

### Literacy & Numeracy support for students in Years 7-9:

Continue to build the Literacy and Numeracy Program to support students at all levels in literacy and numeracy improvement.

### Boys and Girls Education

Look at research around boys and girls education, analysis of school data for school performance (boys/girls) and student engagement to support students as they grow from teenagers to young men and women.

### Leadership Review:

Review the Leadership Structure and profile of the College to align with student learning in the classroom.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the Review and congratulate our School Community on the success of the past few years which is reported on in the Review.

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER**
Assistant Principal Report
Adam Matheson, David Clift, Emma Miller, Danny Finn

Year 7 Scholarships 2016
Every year the College provides scholarships to grade 6 students. This year we offered 7 scholarships at a value of $500 each. It is with much pleasure that we announce the winners for next year. Please find the names and categories listed below.

- Ella Wines, Warrnambool East (Performing Arts)
- Meg Dixon, Port Fairy Consolidated (Leadership)
- Jarren Maddocks, Cudgee Primary (Endeavour)
- Stella Bridgewater, Warrnambool East (Sport)
- Finn Stratford, Allansford (Music)
- Tahl Crabbmor, Warrnambool East (Academic)
- Patrick Mill, Woodford (Community Service)

International Students
We welcome our third student from China to the College. Rain, a new student in year 8, started at the beginning of Term 4. He is busy settling in and making new friends among his classmates. He is very interested in creating his own digital games and music.

Korean Homestay and student travel to Korea
In February 2016 we will have a visiting school group from Korea. There will be approximately 30 students in the group that require home hosting. They will be in Warrnambool for 3 weeks, starting the 6th of February. If you could accommodate hosting 2 students during this period could you please contact Emma Miller at the College. All families who host will received a payment of $1,500.

Students will be involved in excursions on the weekends and group based activities. They will attend specialist English classes at the College and may attend some classes if possible with their host siblings. To host a student, you do not have to live in Warrnambool. If you have questions regarding the arrangement, payment or stay please speak with Emma Miller.

In addition, all students who host will be eligible to travel to Korea with the College on an international cultural visit. This visit includes all expenses except for student airfares and insurance. The approximate cost of the flights to Korea would be $1,200. This means that if you are prepared to host, the funds you receive would cover the cost of your child’s return international visit.

If you have questions regarding the arrangement, payment or stay please speak with Emma Miller.

Sun Smart
The weather is certainly getting warmer and at this time of year we strongly encourage all students and staff to be sun smart. Students will be encouraged to wear their school supplied hat and to make use of shaded areas around the grounds. A reminder that sunscreen is also available in each of the 6 House offices.

Bus Payments 2016
There has been a growing concern among parents related to the proposed cost of bus travel for 2016 and beyond. This situation is currently before the courts and no decision has been made. We received notification from the Transport Authority on Wednesday that any student who enrolled at the College prior to 15th September, 2015 will be exempt from any payments. Students who enroll after this date are subject to calculations via google maps as to their nearest government education. This effectively means that year 7 students enrolled for next year will not be affected by any changes and will not be charged. If you need further guidance in relation to this situation please contact the College. As we receive further information we will keep you updated.

Byron : Michael
Our Warrnambool College present and past staff and students were very saddened to hear of the passing of Michael Byron. Michael was a member of our class of 2012. We send our sincerely condolences to his family, John, Julie, Emma Sarah and Seamus. We are thinking of you all at this very sad time.
WE ARE HAVING AN ASBESTOS AUDIT

⇒ 13th, 14th and 15th Of October

As advised in the letter below, labels such as this one → will be placed at the entrances to our buildings with known asbestos containing material and the front gate of the school. This will remind people to contact reception prior to undertaking any building works. This is a standard DET process, you may have already noticed them in your Primary Schools. Please do not be alarmed as we are fully compliant.
This week, Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to listen to five very different Year 11 student speak about the struggles of VCE that could have been avoided. Each of the Year 11s discussed difficulties that they have encountered in VCE which could have been easily avoided had they taken the opportunity to push themselves and develop specific study skills in their junior years. The College is incredibly proud of each of the Year 11s who spoke, they are a credit to their Year Level and their school.

Students discussed issues with motivation, engaging in group work, winging tests, the importance of writing by hand, asking for help and being proactive in their learning, bring organized and the importance of being in class.

The assembly was well received by both year levels, and from here consultative teams from both year levels will be formed to discuss ways teachers and students can work together to achieve greater success.

A huge thank-you to Ellie Drake, Brodie Murray, Keisha Bawden, Ollie Love-Davies and William Berryman for being prepared to share their stories and struggles and thanks to the Year 7s and 8s for being such a great audience.

Three of our Warrnambool College students went to Adelaide in the second week of the school holidays to compete in the National Championships. Kieren McDowell made the U18 Presidents team, Joseph Sycopoulis made the U15 Presidents team and Georgia McDowell made the U15 girls Victorian team. All three have shown incredible dedication to their sport and trained or played 4 or more times each week. Prior to the National Championships they had all made quarter finals in their respective divisions or age groups in the 2015 season from August 2014 until July 2015. Joe Sycopoulis could count himself unlucky by missing the Victorian team by one state point and was ranked 9th in the state. While Georgia was ranked 4th and Kieren 10th for their age groups.

The highlight of the results was Georgia who won the Bronze medal in the U15 teams event. The boys played some very good table tennis and all players improved because of the experience of playing so many high level opponents.

Congratulations to all three players and a special thank you to all the parents behind the scenes. We all know that these opportunities come about mainly because of the support from parents.

Well done Georgia, Kieren and Joe.
The sun was out to play on Wednesday the 7th of October. Perfect weather for a BBQ and some yummy slices!

The theme for the day was SPORTARAMA - Anything sporty. Students wore their netball gear, basketball gear or even their favourite footy jersey!

All student leaders and Flagstaff teachers brought along a slice to sell. Starting at $1.00, the Flagstaff leaders were selling slices, ice cold soft drinks, sausages, veggie burgers and meat burgers. YUMMY!

Thank you to Mr Payne, Mr Hall and all Tute teachers for bringing along a yummy slice to sell and supporting such a great cause. Thank you to all Flagstaff leaders for your dedication and passion throughout the year.

All money raised will go to the Australian Red Cross.

Colin Payne
Flagstaff House Leader

Steven Hall
Flagstaff Assistant House Leader
Leadership report

Rose Shamoail  Mental Health Week

On Wednesday the 7th of October- We had some amazing guest visitors- Monkey, Loggy and The Big Fella- as well as Geoff Soma and Cathy Bligh from WRAD (Western Regional Alcohol and Drug Centre).

Coast FM were podcasting from Warrnambool College and student leaders handed over a $1000 cheque to WRAD (which students raised over the year).

It was a great morning and an amazing vibe throughout the school for such an eventful cause.

Thank you to COAST FM, WRAD and the SLIC team for a marvellous morning.

Looking forward to continue working with WRAD throughout this term and helping them raise awareness of Mental Health amongst youths.

Relay for Life 2016

Be part of the WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE 2016 Relay For Life team. Relay For Life is a global movement to raise funding and awareness for the Cancer Council. This is a great way to meet new people and get involved locally. Be quick and join the team before it's to late!!

Join by following the attached link:


SLIC (Student Leadership Innovative Committee) 2016

SLIC 2016!! Get Involved! Be part of an amazing fun-filled team! Fill out an application ASAP!

Are you some sort of House leader in 2016? Whether you're junior house leader, arts leader, environment leader, sports leader, etc. You can join the 2016 SLIC team! Be part of a community loving, caring, innovative, outgoing and friendly team! Fill out an application (pick up an application form from your house office or front office) and submit it to the front office to Miss Shamoail by FRIDAY OCTOBER THE 30TH! Get involved and let us hear what you care about! Looking forward to what 2016 brings for Warrnambool College. Good luck!

Please feel free to ask Miss Shamoail with any enquiries (email: shamoail.rose.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)
ICAS Mathematics Competition

This year 29 students from Warrnambool College took part in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Mathematics Competition. This is an international event, with thousands of students taking part. All students are to be congratulated for challenging themselves and entering the competition. Special congratulations go to Georgia Hand and Bailey Harris, who both received Distinction Awards for scoring in the top ten percent of Year 7 students.

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At Warrnambool College we achieve success through persistence, resilience and mutual respect

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship – For Rural and Regional Students. Award: $5000 pa


To Apply go to: www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships

Harold Caroll Scholarship – Federation University. For Students who have attended a Secondary School in Western Victoria. Award: $3000 pa for 3 Years

Applications Close: 30 October 2015.

To Apply contact Mr Bollard for the Application Form.

Federation University Scholarships: For Students Enrolling at Federation University in 2016. Award: 25 x $2000

Applications Close: 30 October 2015.

To apply contact Mr. Bollard for the Application Form.

Wannon Water Engineering Scholarship: For Students applying to study Civil engineering in 2016. Award: $5000 pa for 4 years. For Students from the Wannon Water service Delivery area only.

Applications Close: 18 December 2015

To apply go to: www.wannonwater.com.au


Award: A weekly Allowance to help with living expenses. A Mentor to guide the Cadet though work experience and the university degree.

Applications Close: 30 October 2015.

To apply go to: http://doxa.org.au/cadetship/applying-for-the-program/
G’day USA 2016!
Warrnambool College

$15 Indoor studio session or outdoor shoot!
This fundraising event is held at the school!

Date: Saturday 28th November 2015
Book online at: www.trybooking.com/JIQS
(Do not put into Google)

Don’t miss this great opportunity to update your family photos.
Choose your time, book, & pay online
Cash bookings also welcome, simply fill in a cash voucher & return it with the cash
100% of the booking fee goes to the school
Share the link with friends and family, everyone’s welcome!

$15 Photo Fundraiser
10” x 13” photo with frame

Questions? Contact Vision Portraits (03) 9596 9400
OUTDOOR RECREATION TRAINEESHIPS WARRNAMBOOL
Warrnambool College in partnership with Westvic Staffing Solutions is offering two traineeships in Sports Administration and Swimming Pool Operations commencing in January 2016. The trainees will be fully trained in all aspects of pool management and will participate fully in our Sports, Physical Education and Outdoor Education programs. A driver’s license is required, and water safety qualifications would be an advantage.
Gap year students are encouraged to apply.
A copy of the position description is available from Westvic Staffing Solutions during office hours.
All enquiries and applications including cover letter and resume should be forwarded to Tim Rantall trantall@westvic.org.au at Westvic Staffing Solutions by 5pm Tuesday October 20, 2015.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRAINEE
Warrnambool College in partnership with Westvic Staffing Solutions has an outstanding opportunity for an Administration Trainee based at the main office commencing in January 2016. The successful applicant will need to have exception customer services, good time management, great work ethic and the ability to handle competing tasks.
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ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians are required to record all student absences via Compass.

To log into Compass to record the absence for your child directly, the link to this site is www.wbcoll.vic.edu.au or you can Google the Warrnambool College website and click on the Compass link.

If you have lost your log in details, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 5564 4444.

It is a legal requirement for a note to be sent if your child is signing out of the College early. Alternatively, you may log on to Compass and approve the early depart before they need to leave, or you may give the office a call. Unfortunately we cannot accept a text message sent to the student’s phone as permission. It can sometimes be very difficult to contact a parent to seek permission at the time the student is signing out if they don’t have prior permission. In this case we are not permitted, by law, to allow the student to leave the College.

SICK BAY

Any parents picking their child up from the sick bay will need to enter via the Russells Creek entrance and drive past the pool and follow the signs located on the school buildings. There is a short term car park near the new climbing tower. Please follow the signs to the new location of the sick bay.

Lost property

There is a large amount of lost property at the front office. Please collect before the second week of term 4.

Dobsons Uniform Shop

Is offering Buy Early Prices!!
From now until the end of October!
Call 5561 1947
Opening Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am—11am
Saturday 9:30am-12:00pm
If these hours do not suit, please call the number above to make alternative arrangements.

Staff Contacts

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Adam Matheson/Emma Mil-ler
David Clift/Danny Finn
School President:
Glenistair Hancock
House Leaders:
Daniel Lee – Belfast
Lisa Douglas – Childers
Colin Payne – Flagstaff
Andrew Thomson – Hopkins
Troy Boote – Logans
Ewen Burt – Merri
School Captains:
Ashley Hay
Raven Hancock
Mollie Keast
Taylor Johnstone
Business Manager:
Christine Dickson
Accounts & Family Payments:
Alannah Clifford
Careers:
Peter Bollard
Snr School Co-ordinator
Brad Henriksen
Music Department:
Emma Thompson
School Counsellor:
Jayce Dufty

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