

COMING UP...

Tuesday 9 May

NAPLAN Day 1

Information Evening for prospective students (2018)

Wednesday 10 May

NAPLAN Day 2

Thursday 11 May

NAPLAN Day 3

Year 12 English Excursion - MEDEA

Friday 12 May

Middle School Girls Football

Tuesday 16 May

Senior Boys Football

Wednesday 17 May

Secondary Awareness Day

Friday 19 May

Year 9 Outdoor Education, Jump & Climb Excursion

21-27 May

Education Week

Tuesday 23 May

Out of Uniform Day
- Dress in your House Colours!

Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Yr 10 Work Experience, Week 1

Message from the Principal

Welcome to all of our students and families to Term 2. I trust you had an enjoyable Easter break and had an opportunity to relax and unwind with friends and family.

For those of you unaware, late in Term 1 our College Principal, Brett Windsor, was appointed to a Senior Education Improvement Leader role within the Department of Education, based in South Gippsland. This appointment will be for Term 2 as he backfills a Long Service Leave vacancy and it will provide Brett the opportunity to broaden his knowledge and capacity, subsequently improving his leadership of the College upon his return in Term 3. As such, I will be the Acting Principal during his absence and I look forward to the opportunities this provides myself and other members of the Leadership Team in our work towards whole school improvement.

In light of the above, there has been some staffing adjustments across the College. This includes:

- Mrs Jennifer Young moving out of her Senior School leadership position, and into the role of Strategic Operations
- Mr Simon Baxter becoming the new Assistant Principal – Senior School Leader, vacating the Mini School Manager role
- Ms Nicole Taylor filling the Mini School Manager role

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new members to our College staff:

- Mr Daniel McCaughey (Humanities)
- Mr Phillip Berends (Art/Ceramics/Photography)
- Ms Elyse Derricott (English)
- Ms Angela Skinner (Assistant Business Manager)

I look forward to working with all members of the College community over the coming term and trust that it will be a great one; one where we all work together in ensuring our students achieve excellence in their endeavours.

Joel Blythman
Acting Principal

GPA's

GPA's are available online via the Compass Portal.

GPA's are an indicator of a student's work habits and serve as a useful tool to highlight areas students should work on and may help improve their performance within the classroom. Students achieve a score out of 4 for their competency in the areas of preparation, work completion, attitude, respect for others, following instructions, participation, endurance and responding positively to feedback. An average of this score is calculated for each class as well as an overall GPA for all their classes. The top students, those who score above 3.34, are celebrated for having achieved "GPA All Star" status for that GPA cycle.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Lowanna is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2017.

Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. Set texts for English and any books already read this year can be included. Books do not have to be from the College Library.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

Any student wanting more information can visit the Library and speak to Mrs Possart.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE - May 2017

After a lengthy consultation and design process, on Monday 1 May 2017 the Lowanna College School Council ratified changes to our school uniform. These changes have occurred after considerable feedback from many in our school community, including students, staff and parents.

The rationale for change was largely based upon the desire to:

- reduce the number of uniform items required for purchase,
- improve the quality of items and
- increase the standard of dress while retaining a level of comfort and affordability.

We are confident that we have achieved these aims.

Following this ratification from School Council, further development of our Uniform Policy will occur in the coming months.

To allow time to transition to the new uniform, the following implementation guidelines have been determined:

- **New uniform items** will not be compulsory until the beginning of the 2019 school year.
- Between now and the beginning of the 2019 school year, students and families can choose to purchase new uniform items to replace their existing uniform items.

We would like to thank the College community for their input into this process and ongoing support. We trust that you are as happy with the outcome as we are.

The Lowanna College uniform offers a variety of options to choose from and is designed to cater for various shapes, sizes and tastes as well as the Victorian climate. The pants and shirts are made from stretch fabric for comfort and fit and all uniform items are available in a wide range of sizes.

Except for the pants, all of the items pictured to the right are available now from Beleza School Uniforms in Moe.

The pants are currently being manufactured and are due to arrive in the coming months.



Summer Dress

Sports mesh polo



Chino Shorts

2 styles available

White shirt
4 styles available



Tie
(optional accessory)



Winter Skirt



Chino Pants

2 styles available



Blue V-neck Jumper



Soft Shell Jacket

Absence Hotline

If your child is going to be absent for any reason please contact the relevant mini school as soon as possible.

Junior School.....Tammie Percivall.....**5127 9240**

Middle SchoolAndrea Coad.....**5127 9246**

Senior SchoolJulie Jeffrey.....**5127 9243**

Alternatively, parents can logon to the Compass system and approve absences via the portal.