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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I recently had the pleasure of taking our first community tour of the new facilities at Fremantle College on 1 August. With the opening of three new teaching blocks, it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the innovative teaching spaces, grounds and specialist facilities that have just been completed. We welcome parents, future students and members of the public to come and take a look at the new college. Tour bookings can be made through our website <u>www.fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au</u>. It is a great opportunity to come in and find out more about the college that's in the heart of the local community; I'm sure you will agree that the new buildings are nothing short of spectacular. After the completion of the main teaching block at the front of the college, the building project has moved on to completing the commercial kitchen and restaurant, additional Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, and ICT facilities for the college. We look forward to the completion of these facilities by the end of the year.

Next week I will be meeting the families of our Gifted and Talented students as we begin our transition sessions for the inaugural Gifted and Talented Selective Academic Program for 2018. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of the Executive team, hear about the stimulating learning opportunities and view first hand the innovative facilities that will be available to all students of Fremantle College.

Teaching young people about sustainability has never been more important. Local primary school students have been invited to join the Fremantle College Year 5 Academic Excellence Immersion Course, within which they are learning about the benefits of sustainability and understanding how they can incorporate aspects into their own lives. (continued on next page)

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Myles Draper, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

2018 Term Dates

Term 1 Wed 31 Jan — Fri 13 Apr Break Sat 14 Apr — Sun 29 Apr Term 2 Tue 1 May — Fri 29 Jun Break Sat 30 Jun — Sun 15 Jul Term 3 Tue 17 Jul — Fri 21 Sep Break Sat 22 Sep — Sun 7 Oct Term 4 Mon 8 Oct — Thu 13 Dec

School Development Days (students not in attendance) Term 1 | Mon 29 Jan, Tue 30 Jan, Fri 9 Mar Term 2 | Mon 30 April Term 3 | Mon 16 Jul Term 4 | Fri 14 Dec

School Ball | Fri 9 March Year 12 Presentation Night | Mon 22 Oct

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL cont.

In addition to working at the college, they have visited the Forever Project sustainable house in Hamilton Hill which has helped them to design and build their own model eco houses. We look forward to joining with parents and seeing the presentations of these houses in the coming weeks, and hearing about their ideas for helping to build more sustainable communities.

Our Advisory Group has been busy ensuring that our preparations for 2018 are on track. Our School Development days for 2018 have been approved by the Advisory Group and are listed below in the 'Important Dates' section. Additionally, we have finalised important dates in the students' social calendar, such as the very first Fremantle College school ball, which students have voted to hold at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Year 12 Presentation Evening, and other important student-based events. Once finalised, our calendar will be published on our website for your convenience.

COURSE COUNSELLING

The course counselling on subject selection for Year 10 students is now complete. Changes can still be made by emailing Fremantle College or visiting administration. Current Years 7, 8 and 9 students at South Fremantle and Hamilton Senior High Schools will be guided through the process of selecting their 2018 electives toward the end of Term 3.

ED SUPPORT

Parents of students in the support program at Hamilton Senior High School met on Monday 31 July with Associate Principal, Emma Walker, to discuss the new college and some of the plans that have been made to provide additional support to their children. A particular effort is being made to ensure that information, exposure to the site and documented planning and transfer of information is occurring between current staff and the new college, for students who have additional needs.

Many of the parents of the class turned up to the afternoon tea provided by Hamilton SHS and were able to hear about how many of the college plans will work, including those that involve teachers purposefully planning differentiated tasks for students with special needs. All parents were very positive and Ms Walker commented how fantastic it was to get to know more of our future Fremantle College parents in an informal setting.

ENROLMENT PACKS

Enrolment packs for current South Fremantle and Hamilton Senior High School students have been sent home this week with students. Please check to see that your child has received their pack.

Please return completed enrolment packs to administration at South Fremantle or Hamilton Senior High School by Friday 15 September. There are prizes to be awarded for early submission of completed enrolment packs! 2

SCHOOL TOURS

Fremantle College is open for inspection! School tours have been scheduled throughout Term 3 and we held our first tour, which was fully booked, on Tuesday 1 August.

Fremantle College staff Myles Draper, Emma Walker and Janelle Mittonette walked families around the impressive new facilities, as well as the newly refurbished learning spaces.

Tours can be booked through the Fremantle College website.













PERFORMING ARTS AUDITIONS

Our brand new Performing Arts Academy will be ready to start next year following auditions for our first Year 7 class at the start of Term 3. Students in Year 6 came to the Calvert Music Centre to meet Mr Glenn Carpenter, Fremantle College's HOLA of The Arts, who was supported by Mr Terry Pirlo, The Arts HOLA at Ashdale Secondary College. A drama scene, musical number and impromptu skits were all a part of the audition process, with music taken from Disney's *The Lion King*. Students in the Performing Arts Academy will have access to Fremantle College's brand new Performing Arts Centre, which includes retractable tiered seating, full lighting rigs and a performance foyer.

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TRANSITION: PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THE OPENING **OF FREMANTLE COLLEGE**

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

6.00pm-7.00pm

Performing Arts Centre South Fremantle SHS

Parking access along Lefroy Road

All parents/guardians of current students in Year 7-11 at South Fremantle SHS and Hamilton SHS are invited to attend an information session regarding:

- the opening of the college in 2018 Transition activities in place for Term
- 4,2017 How your child will be supported to
- understand new college expectations and changes.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

 $\mathsf{RSVP}\ \mathsf{to:}\ \mathsf{https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TransitionEvening} \mathsf{RSVP}$



YEAR 5 PARENT **INFORMATION EVENING**

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

6.00pm-7.00pm **Performing Arts** Centre South Fremantle

SHS

Parking access along Lefroy Road

All parents/guardians of children who are currently in Year 5 are invited to attend an information session regarding:

- Enrolment into the college in 2019
- Transition activities in place for Term 4.2017
- How your child will be supported within a secondary setting

All parents are encouraged to attend.



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