Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Friends of Trinity College

Much has been said to students these past few days about the value of new beginnings. There is a certain liberation in leaving the ‘old’ behind and a definite excitement in approaching new beginnings. As with each new year, this is a time for new beginnings. For some students, the new school year may bring with it a renewed commitment to focus on their studies; for others, it may bring a commitment to balance school, sport and social commitments. There may be a quest for spiritual enrichment by showing love for, compassion to and acceptance of all. Whatever personal goals students may set for themselves this year, we wish them well with the start of their school year. May they not dwell on past mistakes but rather keep their eyes ‘open to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings’.

Staff and students have now completed their first full week back at school for the 2016 academic year. We trust that everyone has settled into the rhythm of their new schedules and that everyone feels truly welcomed by all at Trinity College.

Commencement Mass

Trinity College will hold its annual Commencement Mass this coming Tuesday morning, 9th February, at St Mary’s Church. This liturgical sacrament is an important one on our College calendar as it gives us an opportunity to commence our school year as ‘one’ in a sacred space. We thank Ms Anne Hughes, our Director of Faith and Mission, for her arrangements for Mass and we thank Father Michael for his welcoming of our school at St Mary’s Church. After the Mass, whilst still at church, there will be another section which includes the Commissioning of the College Student Leaders and the recognition of our 2015 High Achievers. We welcome our guests to our Commencement Mass and invite them back to Trinity College for a morning tea. Please refer to the Admin section of this newsletter for further information for students about the arrangements for Commencement Mass.
House Swimming Sports
As in the past, our annual Trinity College House Swimming Sports will be held at the Camperdown swimming pool. This event will take place on Friday, 19th February. As this day is a calendared school day, all students are expected to attend the swimming sports. This is a wonderful day of celebrations and students are encouraged to join in the fun of the day. Students may wear either their Trinity College sport uniform or get dressed in their house colours. We remind students of the importance of wearing a hat and sunscreen whilst at the swimming event. Our staff devote a great deal of time during the day to offering sunscreen to students as well as reminding them of the importance of wearing a hat. However, it is imperative that students take their individual responsibility to their health seriously and that they practise SunSmart recommendations. We ask parents to discuss this matter with their children and to ensure that their child wears an appropriate hat on the day.

We look forward to a day of celebration with our students and we thank our Sport Coordinator, Mr Michael Tomkins, for his arrangements for the day.

Year 7 Camp
Last week the Year 7 students enjoyed the magnificent surrounds of Kangaroobie Camp at Princetown. This camp was a wonderful opportunity for students to get to know each other a little better, to further develop friendships with their peers and to develop their connections with their Homeroom teachers. A special thank you to our Year 7 Coordinator, Mr Daniel Barnett, for his organisation of the camp. Thank you also to the many other staff members who spent time on camp supporting our students.

Learning and Study Skills
Developing effective study skills requires hard work, practice and discipline. Our goal at Trinity College is to grow young, independent thinkers who develop proficiency in skills such as analysing, reasoning, problem-solving, interpreting and evaluating. It is not just in the classroom that these skills are developed. Effective use of time outside of regular school hours will complement formal lessons which, in turn, help refine those attributes that define successful learners.

This past week, our Year 7 to 10 students participated in an intensive programme which focused on study skills and we trust that these students, with the assistance of their families, will implement the excellent advice that they have received. The Elevate Parent Information Sessions held on the same day was well received by the parents that attended the four sessions on offer, with many valuable tips passed on to parents about how to assist their children in their learning journey. Thanks to Mr Luke Featherston and his team for their work in setting up these sessions. Year 11 and 12 students will have a Study Skills session on Wednesday, 16th March, with presenters from the study skills programme also delivering a session to Year 11 parents on Tuesday, 16th February and to Year 12 parents on the evening of the 16th March.

As the school term starts to swing into its rather busy momentum, with so many events already listed on our very full school calendar, we wish our students and their families a successful and focused academic year.

Kind regards
Mrs Cheryl Pefanis
Deputy Principal
YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

Year 7 students and families are invited to the Year 7 Information Evening on Thursday, 11th February, with a BBQ at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start in the Mercy Wing. Families will be involved in a cyber-safety presentation and then will be able to meet the Year 7 Homeroom staff.

Please note that a letter included in the Year 7 Information Pack distributed in November 2015 incorrectly states that this Information Evening is on Wednesday, 17th February. The correct date is this Thursday, 11th February. We apologise for this error and for any inconvenience that this may cause.

The Homeroom teachers and I are looking forward to meeting many of our families during this evening.

Mr Daniel Barnett
Year Level Coordinator: Year 7

RECORD OF YOUR SNID NUMBER ON YOUR ACER DEVICE FOR WARRANTIES

In order to access the warranty for your ACER device, the manufacturer needs to know the SNID number. This number is on the sticker on the back of the ACER device (see the sticker example below).

You may wish to take a photo of this number or record it in a safe place. We also encourage families not to remove this sticker from the device.

WARRANTY ON ACER UNITS

Acer have now given us a process to follow within the school for when families may wish to apply for warranty issues.

1. Complete out the Warranty form available from Monday outside the IT office in the library. The SNID number on the sticker on the device is required on this form.
2. Bring the device with the completed form to the IT office (via the library).
3. The IT staff will quickly access the device to ascertain if it is a warranty issue and advise you about the best way forward to deal with your concern.
4. The warranty will then be logged with Acer.
5. An Acer rep will attend Trinity College either the next business day or the following day.

Please also remember that, while the intention is that the units will be repaired/replaced on the day, there will be times that unavailable parts are required so the process may take a little longer. However, it is always the intention to get the device back to the student as quickly as possible.

Warranty can still be obtained via 1300 365100 if families prefer to follow that course. It is expected, though, that the time taken for repairs will almost certainly take longer.

This arrangement is to enable faster turnaround times than otherwise possible as it is expected students have their Acer device at school at all times.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

The College newsletter is our main form of communication with our community and, as such, it is imperative that families read the newsletter regularly to acquaint themselves with happening at Trinity College. The College newsletter is emailed to all families, to the email address provided to the college. Should families not receive the newsletter, they are requested to contact Julie Demasi (Newsletter Editor) on jdemasi@tcc.vic.edu.au in order to check that they receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Printed copies of the newsletter are available from Reception and families that wish to have a printed copy can either collect the copy from Reception or arrange for their child to collect the copy.

In addition:
- All students will continue to receive the newsletter in an electronic form via email.
- The newsletter will continue to be available on the College website and on the College app.

Please contact Julie Demasi via Reception should you have any further queries about the newsletter.
YR 11 VCE INFORMATION EVENING

Year 11 students undertaking a VCE subject and their parents are invited to attend a Year 11 VCE Information Evening on Tuesday, 16th February in the J.C. Robinson Activity Centre, commencing at 7.30pm sharp.

A presenter from the VCE Help organisation will deliver a one-hour presentation, aimed at both parents and students. This presentation will support students and parents as they make the transition from middle school to the final years of schooling.

It will also be an opportunity to meet the Year Level Coordinator and homeroom teachers, in order to provide both students and parents with the support and information that they require for a successful journey throughout 2016. We hope this evening will provide some valuable tips as our young men and women strive to achieve their very best as they move forward.

Year 11 students will have follow-up sessions on Wednesday, 16th March, which will deal with aspects such as:

- Time Management
- Setting Priorities
- Planning for Peak Performance
- Communication & teamwork
- Leadership

Please feel free to contact either the Year Level Coordinator or your child’s homeroom teacher should you have any queries. We wish our students a most successful year and we look forward to meeting you at our Year 11 VCE Information Evening.

Miss Leesa Sharkey
Level Coordinator: Year 11

ELEVATE STUDY SKILLS SESSIONS

We have received many positive comments from both students, teachers and parents about the Elevate Study Skills sessions held last Tuesday, 2nd February. Parents who would like to access additional material or further information can read the Parents section of the Elevate Education website. This has many resources and parents can ask study related questions to the Elevate team.

http://au.elevateeducation.com/parents/home

Students can also login and register to access other great materials and resources from the Elevate website. They must use the username: student and the password: pacco. http://au.elevateeducation.com/

Mr Luke Featherston
Director of Learning

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

The Performing Arts domain is excited to welcome Bridie Cotter, our new vocal tutor. Bridie will be starting with us this week and is looking forward to sharing her skills and knowledge with the students. Students interested in taking lesson with Bridie must please collect an instrumental lesson form from Reception and return it to Miss Greaves.

Other instrumental lesson also available are piano, guitar, bass, drums, woodwind brass and strings

Miss April Greaves
Domain Head: Performing Arts

Do you need a quiet place where you can concentrate and focus on your study?

The School Library is OPEN AFTER SCHOOL MONDAY – THURSDAY UNTIL 5.00PM
Welcome back for a new year of learning. Trinity College is a Seven Steps school and the newsletter is a wonderful way to connect with parents to help all understand the steps and what they actually mean.

The first step after planning is a "Sizzling Start". The following piece of writing is a sample of a narrative story using a sizzling start.

Looking forward to guiding you and supporting your family through the steps in 2016.

Mrs Caroline Grist
Learning Centre and Literacy Coordinator

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**How to Write Sizzling Starts - Narrative**

First impressions count. Research claims you make up your mind about someone in the first four minutes after you meet them. It’s just the same with a story.

Unfortunately how many starts go like this?

I leapt out of bed that morning and hurried to get dressed because today Dad was taking us to the zoo. I was really excited because they have this big monkey enclosure there and I was mad about monkeys. I also needed to get some really good photos for my Science project.

So how can we get students to write like this?

‘Here,’ I told my sister, ‘hold my rucksack. I’m just going to get a bit closer to the monkey’s cage.’

A bit closer meant over the fence, past the sign that said ‘No entry’ and right up to the wire.

‘You’re monkey mad,’ said my sister.

Well, maybe I was. But I was also desperate for an ‘A’ in my latest Science project. A picture of a cute monkey, smiling right at the camera, might make all the difference.

The answer:

Start at the 'Moment of Change', right where the action begins. In the first example, the writer starts the story at the beginning of the day, yet the action really takes place at the zoo. So begin the story at the zoo - as the person walks right up to the monkey's cage, camera in hand, shining earrings swinging in the sun, just waiting to be grabbed by a quick sharp paw.

But how to explain why you are there? Easy - use the 'backfill' technique. Fill in the basics of 'who, what and why' as the rest of the action unfolds. This makes it much faster and far more interesting writing!

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**EXTRA CURRICULUM MATTERS**

**Term One Bring It On Rehearsals**

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**URGENT – BOOK RETURN**

Could students and parents please check home for Trinity library books and return them to school as soon as possible.

There are many books from class sets which have not been returned from last year.
**TRINITY SPIRIT AWARDS**

We congratulate the following student on recently exemplifying Trinity Spirit consistent with the Trinity College Core Value of Community:

Eliza O'Farrell – 11D – McAuley House

Eliza showed her sense of community this week by assisting the grandparents of a Year 7 student to find their grandchild after she had returned from a camp. Eliza has set a fine example for all by being welcoming to new members of our College community. Excellent work, Eliza!

**EVENTS**

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**TOP END TOUR 2016**

Payment of $570.00 was due on Monday 8th February.

Could you please ensure that all overdue payments are made at Reception immediately.

**FORMS**

Could all forms students recently received please be returned to Reception ASAP. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**WINTER NIGHT NETBALL 2016**

It's time to start getting our Trinity Team/s organised for Winter Night Netball.

A meeting will be held on **MONDAY 15th Feb @ 7.30pm** in the Trinity Library.

**ALL intending players MUST attend the meeting.**

In the past years we have struggled to get attendance and it has proven difficult to organise teams properly. So please, if you would like to play, come along

Please Register at the office by Monday, 15th February

. Collect the required form, complete and bring along to the meeting

**Parents - Coaches/Helpers are needed.** If you can help coach, be a team manager or umpire, please fill out bottom section of form

Further info, please contact Trinity Netball Manager – Sharon 0409600648