Whole School Dates to Remember
Jun 20th Transition Evening
Jun 29th Last Day Term 2
Jul 16th First day of Term 3
Jul 18th Pupil Free Day

Tambo Campus Dates to Remember
Jun 17th-22nd Yr 9 Evolve expo
Jun 25th-26th Music Workshop Lakes Entrance
Jun 28th Gala Concert Lakes Entrance
Jun 25th-29th Yr 10 Work Experience

Aussie School Photos
Photo proofs have been sent home to all families with different options for their child/children’s photos. Please be aware that all dealings are to be made through Aussie School Photos as the school does not take any orders.

Active After School
Parents please note: if it is raining on an Active After School night, students will be at the Tambo Campus Squash Courts. Please collect your child from there.

End of Semester Reports
Teachers are currently completing end of semester written reports for each student. These contain detailed information about the student’s achievements in each subject, and suggestions for future improvement and ongoing learning. Home Group teachers also comment on general aspects such attitude, endeavour and participation. These reports will be posted home at the end of the term. Parents who would like to discuss the report contents are most welcome to ring the school and make an appointment with the relevant teacher/s. The next formal round of Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of Term 3.
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for the school newsletter

Information for 2012

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2012).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2012 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

WHAT IS A CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE?

The transport of students to school is primarily the responsibility of student’s families. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) provides financial support to some families to assist with the cost of transport to school.

Assistance in the form of a Conveyance Allowance is available to students that are in rural and remote areas and do not have access to a free school bus.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS ELIGIBLE?


If you have a specific question regarding your circumstances and the allowance you should talk to the relevant staff at your school.

Semester two claims need to be lodged at the school no later than 31st August 2012.