Calendar Dates

17 June  
Senior School Performing Arts Festival, Term 2 ends at 3.20pm

12 July  
Term 3 commences at 8.45am

14 July  
SEISA Winter Round 1

19 July  
Year 9 and Senior School Expo, Year 12 Centre, 5.30pm to 8.00pm

21 July  
SEISA Winter Round 2

22 July to 26 July  
Snow sports weekend

28 July  
Year 12 Sleepover, Year 12 Centre

Senior School Expo
The Year 9 and Senior School Expo will be held on Tuesday, 19 July in the Year 12 Centre from 3.50pm until 8.00pm. Students are to collect their Subject Selection Plan documents from the collection desk at the front of the Lecture Theatre. This is the perfect opportunity to view, discuss and consider the options on offer.

A letter will be emailed home with instructions and all other relevant information will be available on BeaconNet (Portal)>PakenhamCampus>Senior School> General Information> Subject Selection Process 2017 towards the end of Term 2.

Dates may be subject to change

From the Head of Senior School
Changes to Subject Selections for Semester 2 2016
Students wishing to make subject changes for their Semester 2 course need to see Mr Porter or Mr Reuben. All subject changes will be finalised by Friday, 17 June 2016.

Term 3
Please note that we start Term 3 on Tuesday, 12 July 2016.

VCE Data Updates
Families are reminded that the College needs to be informed of any alteration to address, phone numbers or even names of any student who is studying a VCE unit as these need to be entered in the VCAA system.

Permission to Drive to School
Students must not drive to school prior to permission being granted. Please refer to Portal – Pakenham, Senior School. Year 12 students driving to and from school are to read the information and print off a Permission to Drive to School Form. Once this has been competed students are to bring it to the Senior School Office for school approval.

Senior School Tutorials
These run weekly and are displayed on the Portal under Pakenham – Senior School - Teaching and Learning. Tutorials are also advertised on the student notice boards.

After School SAC Catch up Sessions
These run on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.00pm for Senior School students who have missed a SAC in class. These are arranged by the subject teacher. These are held in PS06.

VTAC 2016 Student and Parent VTAC Information Evening
Date: 11 August 2016
Time: 6.30pm- 8.30pm
Venue: LMC
Presenter: Mr Jeff Porter
Aim:
The evening is designed to assist current Year 12 students and their parents understand and tackle the 2016 into 2017 VTAC application process beginning in Term 3 this year and culminating with tertiary offers in January 2017.

- Guides on the VTAC processes will be available.
- Application process summary sheet
- VTAC: www.vtac.edu.au

Tertiary Entry 2017:
- Essential considerations
- Important dates and processes
- Options and pathways
- Navigating the VTAC application process
- VTAC student access portals
- SEAS, Personal Statements
- Scholarships
Real-time Reporting on BeaconNet
Parents and students in our Senior School have access to ongoing report information via our BeaconNet Results Page.

Results Page
The Results Page outlines all the assessment the student has in a semester with an overall percentage value of each so parents and students can have regular feedback on their progress in each subject. This is designed to give timely advice on a student’s progress and allow for timely communication between parents, teachers and students. Comments are also being made if the teacher believes that the student will benefit from more information than just the mark.

Students in Years 10 and Unit 1 subjects will continue to receive a mark out of 100, whereas students completing a Unit 3 subject will use the following indicators instead:

- EH – Extremely High
- H- High
- HA- High Average
- LA- Low Average
- L- Low
- EL- Extremely Low

Learning Mindset
At the end of this term the Results Page will also provide feedback as a result of teacher observations of the student’s Learning Mindset throughout the term. Feedback will be on how the student:

- uses knowledge (knowledgeable)
- applies effort (focussed)
- takes responsibility for their own learning (responsible)
- improves their learning based on feedback (reflective)

These will be ranked from 0 to 4, 0 being the student never displays the mindset with 4 being that they consistently use that area.

These are important areas for our students to consider and is a new initiative that reflects Beaconhills increased emphasis on key aspects that promote student learning.

Finding the Results Page
The Reports and Results Page is found under the Information menu in BeaconNet. If you have multiple students in the College you will need to ensure you have selected the specific student to see their results (top right corner). Their name will appear in blue when they are selected.

Getting Help
Please go to http://www.beaconhills.vic.edu.au/support and select the Academic Reports option for any technical concerns.

Important Notice – Students leaving the College
If your child is leaving the College, please note that it is a requirement of the College that a full term’s notice in advance of a student’s withdrawal is provided to the Headmaster. Sufficient notice enables us to contact those families who are waiting for enrolment offers.

Failure to provide such notice will require payment of one term’s fees in lieu of notice. Notice of departure of students can be emailed to enrol@beaconhills.vic.edu.au. Please include your child’s leaving date and the school/TAFE etc they will be attending.

Please note: Portal access to school reports etc. will cease on the day your child leaves the College. Please ensure you have downloaded copies of all your child’s school reports if required prior to their leaving date.

Homestay Families
Beaconhills College will be hosting a group of students with ages ranging from 15-17 years from our sister school in Suining, China from 23 – 27 August. This visit will provide a wonderful opportunity for our students and families to host.

We are currently seeking interested families to host a student during this five day period. This is open to any student in any year level and arrangements will be in place for transport between Campuses if required. There are many benefits to be gained by students and families from the hosting experience; including cultural and language exchange, as well as establishing international friendships. A legal requirement for hosting a student is that all members of your family who are 18 and over and living at home have a ‘Working with Children Check’ completed. This is free and can be completed at Australia Post. Please contact Susan Wood via email susan.wood@beaconhills.vic.edu.au to register your interest.

Working Bees as part of the Family Assistance Program
Our parents are a very important part of the Beaconhills Community and the College values your contributions to the life of the College. For families wishing to participate in College activities or donate goods and services, the College offers a $180 credit on their fee statement. To qualify for the credit, you must:

1) Participate in an activity for at least 3-4 hours or donate goods and services to the value of at least $180.20
2) Complete the Parental Assistance Program Form and have your participation verified with a staff signature.
3) Lodge the signed form at Reception (either Campus) by no later than 28 October 2016.

If you wish to participate in the Working Bees please contact Pakenham Reception on 1300 002 225 ext. 3001 to book your space.

Beaconhills Working Bee dates for 2016:

Pakenham Campus
- 10 Sep
- 15 October
Berwick Campus

- 16 July
- 27 August
- Little Beacons
- 8 October