Calendar Dates
14 July  
SEISA Winter Round 1
19 July  
Year 9 and Senior School Expo, Year 12 Centre, 5.30pm to 8.00pm
20 July  
Web Preference information sent to the student’s school email account directly
21 July  
SEISA Winter Round 2
Online booking opens for Head of House meetings regarding Subject Selections
World Challenge Parent Information Evening, Lecture Theatre at 7pm
22 July to 26 July  
Snow sports weekend
25 July  
Subject Selection meetings with Head of House
27 July  
Subject Selection meetings with Head of House
28 July  
SEISA Winter Round 3
2 August  
2015 Year 12 reunion, GBC, 6pm to 7.30pm
3 August  
Woods House Church Service, St James Anglican Church, 6.00pm
4 August  
SEISA Winter Round 4
5 August  
Jeans for Genes day, free dress for gold coin donation
9 August  
Lux Luceat Dinner, invitation only, Food Tech Dining Room, 6.00pm
10 August  
Millett House Church Service, St James Anglican Church, 6.00pm
11 August  
SEISA Winter Round 5
Year 12 VTAC information evening, LMC, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
15 August  
Year 12 students only, Parent Teacher Interviews, GBC, 4.00pm to 7.00pm
16 August  
School in Action (Open Morning)
Creese House Church Service, St James Anglican Church, 6.00pm
18 August  
SEISA Winter Finals
20 August  
Working Bee, Pakenham Campus, 9.00am
22 August  
Professional Learning Day, No students at school
24 August  
Clark House Church Service, St James Anglican Church, 6.00pm
25 August  
SEISA Cross Country Carnival
31 August  
Tregoning House Church Service, St James Anglican Church, 6.00pm
7 September  
McConchie House Church Service, St James Anglican Church, 6.00pm

Dates may be subject to change

From the Head of Senior School

Senior School Expo
The Year 9 and Senior School Expo will be held on Tuesday, 19 July in the Year 12 Centre from 5.30pm until 8.00pm. Senior students are to collect their Individual Subject Selection draft 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 was emailed home with instructions and all other relevant information is available on BeaconNet > Pakenham Campus > Senior School > Teaching & Learning > Subject Selection Process 2017.

Making the Subject Selection
This year, students and their parents are to enter their subject choices via Web Preferences. The information sheet and log in details will be sent to the student’s school email account on Wednesday, 20 July.

Head of House Subject Selection Meetings (if required)
Monday, 25 July or Wednesday, 27 July 2016
If you wish to attend a meeting with the Head of House, the bookings can be made online in the same way as the Parent Teacher Interviews are currently booked. The system will open on Thursday, 21 July for current Year 10 and Year 11 families. The online booking will close on Tuesday, 26 July 2016.

World Challenge
There will be a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 21st July at 7pm in the Lecture Theatre for anyone interested in the upcoming World Challenge expedition to Borneo in November/December 2017.

House Church Services
It is the expectation that all students attend their annual House Church Service along with their families if possible. The Church services are held in St James Church, Pakenham Road commencing at 6.30pm. Light refreshments are served at 6.00pm. Students are to wear their full school uniform. Should there be an exceptional circumstance whereby a student is unable to attend their Church service they must supply a letter of explanation to their Head of House prior to the service. Students would then be required to attend the next House Church Service, even though it is not their House. We look forward to celebrating these special occasions with students and their families.

Church Services for Term 3
3 August – Woods House
10 August – Millett House
16 August – Creese
24 August – Clark House
31 August – Tregoning House
7 September - McConchie

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Date: Monday, 15 August
Times: from 4.00pm to 7.00pm
Venue: Global Beacons Centre
Parents and guardians with Year 12 students will have an opportunity to attend a Parent Teacher Interview evening on Monday, 15 August from 4.00pm to 7.00pm in the Global
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 and 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
- ATAR
- Change of Preference
- Offers
- University terminology
- Fees

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.

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.

Japanese Exchange Hosting
On Wednesday, 10 August Beaconhills will host 25 Japanese students from our sister school Linden Hall. Students range from Year 4 through to Year 9 and we are looking for host families. Students will be with us until Thursday, 18 August and attend school with their host brother/sister. Hosting is a rewarding experience and families also qualify for the Parental Assistance Levy. If you are interested please email Ms Ogawa on kellie.ogawa@beaconhills.vic.edu.au

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

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Head of Senior School
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 (focused)
- 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.

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