Dear Parents, Guardians and College Community

It is with great humility and encouragement that I am pleased to announce that we have been through a registration process as a College which took place in August last year and we have been granted a four year registration period.

The other aspect of our College that I am very pleased to announce is our Year 12 results. We were very pleased to see 10 of our 14 ATAR students from last year receive their first choice entry into universities and courses that they had selected. Our standards were very high and our median scores were certainly on par with the other private schools in the area.

This Wednesday we have a Parent Information Night for our Year 11 and Year 12 students where we will outline expectations for Year 11 and Year 12 ATAR and the VET students as well as graduation, university entrance, ATAR scores and Workplace Learning. We encourage all upper school secondary parents to attend this important evening. We will keep it as brief as possible and will commence at 6:45pm and conclude by 7:45pm.

We continue to look to great NAPLAN results and we have seen a dramatic improvement in our students’ literacy and numeracy standards as a result of intense and intentional strategic implementation of our literacy and numeracy programs. We are also pleased to announce that this year we are launching our second radio station 88FM which will service the Pinjarra area out of our Radio Station on the College, we will be broadcasting 87.6FM to Mandurah and 88FM to Pinjarra and surrounding areas.

Welcome to 2016

This has been a busy time for us as we move to our new site. I acknowledge the hard work of all our staff who had been dislodged from their surroundings and ready to launch into their new offices before being abruptly stopped and relocated back into our current site. This has caused a lot of work for our staff, but our staff and our students have continued to see the vision that is ahead and have pushed through this difficult time of transition toward the goal and vision set before us. I take this opportunity to thank all our parents and students as well as our very special staff as we embark on this journey in 2016. We continue to run the race with endurance for the prize set before us. God bless you and have a wonderful 2016.

Mr O dos Santos
Secondary Principal

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness—Galatians 5:22
## Curriculum

Congratulations to all of our staff and students who have started the year in a very positive manner. Things in life do not always go as planned but I am very proud of our staff and students who have remained focussed and have continued to demonstrate the College Core Values.

The first few weeks of the year are always very demanding especially in the areas of home learning (homework) and organisation. We understand that some students may find their work and daily organisation challenging at this time but we do not want them to feel overwhelmed and unsupported.

Teachers will explain the College expectations of home learning. Home learning and assignments are an important part of the curriculum at the College but we recognise the fact that not all students work to the same capacity.

The following times are a general guide for the completion of work at home:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Time Duration</th>
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<td>Year 7</td>
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If your child is struggling to complete their work in this timeframe, please sign their diary and include a note of the time that they have spent on the work. This way teachers will be aware of any difficulties that individual students are facing and can concentrate on ways to overcome the anxiety that a student may be feeling.

Students are given ample notice of their home learning each week and should be recording it in their diary. Students are encouraged to write down when they have been given their home learning, as well as when it is due. To help with organisation, it is essential that students also record when they intend to do their work. This helps students to organise their time and avoid leaving things to the night before.

Teachers will give regular feedback through Assessment Feedback Letters (AFLs). These should start to arrive home in the next few weeks and will give you vital information about the assessments and the results that your student has achieved. If you have any questions regarding these assessments and results, we encourage you to contact your child’s teacher.

The College also offers regular tutoring in the core subjects of English, Humanities, Mathematics and Science. This year the tutoring days are:

- **MONDAY**  English
- **TUESDAY**  Humanities
- **WEDNESDAY**  Mathematics
- **THURSDAY**  Science

Your child will face many challenges this year and will require your support as well as the support of the college staff. Our goal is to ensure that your child has the opportunity to learn free from distraction in a safe, caring and respectful environment with an awareness of God. If you have any questions or need clarification about your child’s educational experience please contact the College.

![Mrs M dos Santos](image)

Mrs M dos Santos  
Deputy Principal—Curriculum
The **Year 11 and 12 Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Wednesday 10 February at 6.45pm**. This session will concentrate on Graduation and WACE requirements, University entrance, Externally Set Tasks and post school life. Information regarding University requirements and details about Graduation will be available.

All parents and students from Year 11 and 12 would be well advised to attend the evening.

The Information Evening will be held in the **College Assembly Room** and will start at **6.45pm** and conclude by **7.45pm**.

Parents and students from other Year groups are welcome to attend the evening as well if they wish to learn about the later years of school and Graduation.

There will also be a special **Year 10 Parent Information Evening** held on **Wednesday 4 May (Week 2 next Term)**. This evening will cover information about preparation for Year 11 and 12, subject choices and Graduation requirements. More details will be sent to parents later this Term.

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**Reminder**

**Student Services**

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to all our returning and new students and families! My wish is for all to experience a blessed year filled with personal, academic and spiritual growth.

Just a few reminders:

**Housekeeping**

- **10 February**: Hair and Uniform Check
- **12 February**: Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- **17 February**: Information Evening (11 and 12)
- **19 February**: Year 12 Ball
- **22 February**: Year 8 vaccinations
- **23 February**: Formal Assembly

**Just a thought**

May God keep you and your families in His hands over the next couple of weeks. Let us treasure our families and friends, because if all else fails, they are all we have.

**Teenage quote of the week**

“Name your iPod ‘Titanic’, plug it into computer, ‘Titanic is syncing’, press cancel, feel like a hero.”

**Mrs M dos Santos**  
Deputy Principal—Curriculum

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**Mr P Venter**  
Deputy Principal—Student Services
Updated Attendance Policy

We treasure our students’ emotional and academic well-being. Following Board and Department of Educational Services directives, we have updated our Attendance policy as follows:

In a nutshell:

- If a student has a 3 percent unexplained non-attendance, a telephone interview or letter and email will be sent home requesting an explanation of the reason for non-attendance.
- If the unexplained non-attendance exceeds 10 percent, another letter will be sent home, outlining the process for 20 percent unexplained non-attendance.
- If a student has 20 percent unexplained non-attendance, student, parents/guardians will be interviewed by the Deputy Principal/Principal Services and/or the Principal.
- If correction is unable to be effected, formal letter sent from the College outlining the attendance expectation for the rest of the year. (Will also outline that unexplained absences must not exceed 20 percent in any term or part thereof.
- If unexplained absences exceed 30 percent in any term, or part thereof, college will liaise with Attendance Officers from the Department of Education Regional Office.
- If correction is unable to be effected, student will be withdrawn from the College.

**Mr P Venter**  
Deputy Principal—Student Services

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ATAR Mathematics Results 2015

Congratulations to our 2015 Year 12 cohort who worked very hard in Mathematics and achieved some outstanding results. We ran two Mathematics courses in 2015, being 2CD and 3AB.

Our 2CD students performed well enough to achieve a final scaled score of exactly the state average. This is a great result for our first Year 12 cohort and for Mrs Safe.

Our 3AB students had an outstanding performance achieving a final scaled score which was a large 5.1 percentage points above the state average. This performance would contribute to an ATAR of over 80, enabling students to easily gain entry into any university and a large majority of the courses on offer at those universities. One student individually achieved a score of 73.7% which would translate into an ATAR rank of 93.3!

We look forward to replicating some more amazing results for our current cohort of year 12s in Mathematics in 2016. We want to assure you that at Austin Cove Baptist College we are committed to educating each student to the highest standard ensuring that our students can achieve competitive results and are afforded every opportunity to follow their dreams.

**Mr K Levison**  
Head of Mathematics
Paying of School Fees in 2016 Direct Debit

A reminder that if there are any changes to the frequency or bank account details that you have previously provided to the school with from which your annual, semester, termly or monthly payments are made, please notify the school as soon as possible. Unless we are informed otherwise, your information from 2015 will be used in 2016.

Direct Debits will continue to be made as follows:

1 payment on 20 February
2 equal payments on 20 February and July
4 equal payments on 20 February, April, July and October
10 equal payments on the 20 of each month from February—November

Note from the Editor

Get Featured
If your child would like to be featured in the next Newsletter, depending on space, please e-mail the Editor direct at secondary@acbc.wa.edu.au with a photo and write up of their achievements, whether extra curricular activity or otherwise. We would love to join you in congratulating their success!

Authority to Collect
It is pivotal that if you intend for another person other than who is listed on the Enrolment Agreement Form to collect your child from school that you complete an Authority to Collect Form. This is to ensure we are adhering to legislative requirements and policies according to the Department of Education. Unfortunately, failure to provide this form will result in the child not being able to leave the premises. For further information please contact Student Services.

87.6 ACFM
Please remember to tune into 87.6 ACFM for updates on school progress, listen to great music and student involvement.

2016 School Fees

The Secondary School Tuition Fees for 2016 will be $5640. A resource fee of $280.00 will be an additional payment. Fees for camps are included in the tuition fee.

The extra charges for Secondary School are part of the booklists but will be billed through the school at the beginning of the year.

The Diary will be an additional cost of $22.00 which will be Direct Debited from your account.

Humanities and English Workbooks will be $15.00 per semester (Direct Debit) for Yrs 7—Yrs 10.

English Workbook for Yrs 11 and 12 will be $25.00 per year.

Further booklist charges may apply after course selections have been completed by Year 11 and Year 12 students. These charges will be for Year 11 and Yr 12 Modern History and Geography subjects.
Information Update

Change of Details

It is imperative that the College has accurate information regarding your child/children in the event of an emergency. Therefore, we request all parents advise the College Office of any changes to address, medical or personal details immediately, by completing a *Personal Information Update* form, available from Student Services.

Uniform Shop

Please note the Uniform Shop Hours for Term 1 2016:

- **Monday**: 8.00am - 10.00am
- **Tuesday**: 8.00am - 10.00am
- **Thursday**: 8.00am - 10.00am
- **Friday**: 8.00am - 10.00am

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Wednesdays.

Uniform Fittings are available between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm (excluding Wednesdays). Bookings are essential, please email uniformshop@acbc.wa.edu.au

College E-mails

Emails

Please note that the following College emails have changed:

- **Reception**
  - primary@acbc.wa.edu.au
  - secondary@acbc.wa.edu.au

- **Absentee**
  - primaryabsentee@acbc.wa.edu.au
  - secondaryabsentee@acbc.wa.edu.au

- **Student Services**
  - primarystudents@acbc.wa.edu.au
  - secondarystudents@acbc.wa.edu.au

Please use the new emails above for all future correspondence with the College.

College News

The Austin Cove Baptist College Newsletter will be emailed to all families fortnightly. Should you wish to receive the Newsletter in a hardcopy please email Secondary Reception on secondary@acbc.wa.edu.au.

Our Newsletters can also be found on the College website [www.acbc.wa.edu.au](http://www.acbc.wa.edu.au).

2016 Term Dates

**Term 1**
Monday 1 February to Thursday 7 April

**Term 2**
Tuesday 26 April to Thursday 30 June

**Term 3**
Tuesday 19 July to Thursday 22 September

**Term 4**
Monday 10 October to Thursday 8 December
Community Notices

Austin Cove Baptist College provides advertisements as a community service. The inclusion of any advertisement is not necessarily an endorsement by the College.

**Austin Cove Community Church**

Meets on Sundays at 10am here at the College.

Regardless of your beliefs, you are very welcome to come join us, even if it’s just to check out what church is about.

For more information please email austincove@1church.net.au or call Pastor Sarah on 0412 535 210.

Hope to see you soon!

**Guitar Lessons**

Guitar Lessons with Ori Rossi

Mondays after school with experienced professional teacher. $15 for half an hour whole term payable in advance.

Please contact Vanessa Murray for more information on 0439 632 698

Celebrating 4 years in our Community!

Austin Cove Community Church is celebrating 4 years since their first service back in 2012. Starting with just 6 adults and 4 children, the church now has over 80 people who call Austin Cove their church family. In the past 4 years, the church has served the local community through programs and events such as:

- Austin Cove Youth: Years 7-12 on Friday nights during the school term
- Austin Cove Kids Community: Years 1-6 on Friday afternoons in Term 2 and 3
- A New Hello: Community food collection on Halloween
- Drug Proof Your Kids: a parenting program to give parents tools to prevent drug use.
- SYRRA Carols by the Canals music presentation
- as well as Sunday, Easter and Christmas family friendly church services.

To celebrate this milestone, you are invited to be our guest at a celebratory service at 10am on Sunday 14th February, followed by free family activities including bouncy castle, paddling pool, slippery slide and a free lunch.

Austin Cove Community Church is very relaxed and friendly, and meets every Sunday at 10am at the Austin Cove Baptist College on Inlet Boulevard, South Yunderup. We would love to see you there!

For more information, check out our website [www.1church.net.au/accc](http://www.1church.net.au/accc) or contact Pastor Sarah M: 0412535210