

04 October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are three quarters of the way through the year and as a school community, can look forward to an exciting term ahead of us. There have been many new enrolments at both our campuses over the last few weeks, with quite a few students joining us from the start of the term. We have opened up a second Year 7/8 Class at Yarra Junction to accommodate the demand for enrolments in our school.

We officially welcome Graham Broderick, our new Assistant Principal, to the team on the first day of Term 4. Graham joins us from Beaconshill College where he was in the role of Year 9 Coordinator. Alicia Sefton, our new Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, joined us in the last two weeks of Term 3 and she will lead a range of exciting initiatives in our school over the coming months. We also welcomed two new Learning Support staff to the team recently. Nathalie Tesselaar-Marriott is working with the horticulture students on the project at Silvan Primary on a Friday's and Kylie Madigan will begin working with the Year 7-8 classes at Yarra Junction this term.

As some of you may be aware, for the safety and health of everyone, CIRE is announcing that effective **Monday 9th October 2017** we are going "**smoke free**". This means "**no smoking**" of all cigarettes (including electronic vapours) on any of our premises. This means there will be no more designated smoking areas on any of our campuses.

We would like to thank the school community in advance for their cooperation with this initiative and trust that everyone will feel the benefit.

Permission to leave campus and student drivers

In response to the announcement above, students in Years 10-12, who have the written permission of a parent/carer, will now have the opportunity to leave the school campus during lunch breaks to walk into town. Please note that students **will not** be permitted under any circumstances to drive themselves or other students off campus during breaks. An updated "Permission to drive to and from school" form, for students who would like to drive to and from school, is available from the school upon request.

All school rules apply to student when off campus during breaks and students are expected to be back on campus and "**ready to learn**" by **1pm**. Students who are not respectful of this opportunity, leave campus at other times, or return to school late, will receive one warning before losing this privilege. Please complete and sign the attached permission slip if you agree to give permission for your child to leave school during lunch breaks.

I have included a copy of the school's "Rights and responsibilities" agreement as a point of reference. Please take the time to review this document with your young person. As a school community we believe that these rights and responsibilities are important and set the standard for us all to follow.

Please note the following key dates for Term 4 2017:

Campus	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9 th October	10 th October	11 th October	12 th October	13 th October
Yarra Junction & Mt Evelyn	Staff professional learning day Student free day	Year 7-12 students commence (classes as normal)	VET classes commence (Years 10-12 only)	Class as normal	Class as normal

Campus	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5 th December	6 th December	7 th December	8 th December
Event	Mt Evelyn Christmas dinner and graduation celebration	No VET classes Student free day	Yarra Junction Christmas dinner and graduation celebration	Special program day

There have been many other great things happening at Cire Community School over the last few months and I encourage you to Like and follow our Facebook page to keep track of all that is happening.

<https://www.facebook.com/cireservices>

Our 2016 annual report has been published and is available on the Schools website. Please check it out at the address below, or ring school administration to request a hard copy.

<http://www.cire.org.au/community-school/#tab-id-11>

We look forward to a positive start to Term 4 which is packed full of interesting, engaging and hands-on learning experiences, camps and excursions. If you have a question about anything mentioned in this letter or the programs we offer more broadly, please don't hesitate to get in touch and make a time for a conversation.

Kind regards,



Tim Knowles
Principal
Cire Community School

Permission to leave campus form 2018

I understand that students in **Years 10-12 only**, who have the written permission of a parent/carer, have the opportunity to leave the school campus during lunch breaks to walk into Mt Evelyn or Yarra Junction.

I understand that students **will not** be permitted under any circumstances to drive themselves or other students off campus during breaks.

I understand that all school rules apply to when off campus during breaks and that students are expected to be back on campus and **“ready to learn” by 1pm**. Students who are not respectful of this opportunity or return to school late, will receive one warning before losing the privilege.

I give permission for my child to leave school during lunch breaks between 12:30 and 1:00pm

Parent/carer name: _____

Parent/carer signature: _____

Student name: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Cire Community School is a safe, supportive and respectful teaching and learning community that promotes and develops student wellbeing.

Our rights

All students and staff have the:

- ✓ Right to be heard
- ✓ Right to learn
- ✓ Right to be supported
- ✓ Right to feel safe
- ✓ Right to be respected
- ✓ Right for our individual and school property to be respected
- ✓ Right to positive and respectful relationships with each other

Our school rules

- **Attend school on time:** *Be at School by 9:00am and if you are late to school, you must first check in with the coordinator before going to class.*
- **Start and finish breaks at the scheduled times.**
- **Food and drinks to be prepared in break times:** *If you leave it until the last minute, you miss out!*
- **We take it in turns to talk during class and don't talk over each other or the teacher.**
- **Mobile phones must be kept on silent while in class:** *Listening to music during class times needs to be negotiated with your teacher.*
- **Be ready to learn during class time.** *Texting, making phone calls, accessing social networking sites, accessing YouTube, watching movies and playing games during class time without the teachers permission is not okay.*
- **Excessive and offensive swearing is not acceptable.**
- **Bullying, harassment, intimidation/threats, violence and property theft/destruction are absolutely not acceptable and will be dealt with in a serious manner.**

I agree to abide by the above rights and rules as a condition of my enrolment in Cire Community School. I understand that if I cannot adhere to these rights and rules, my position at Cire Community School may be reconsidered.

Student Name:	Date:
Student Signature:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	