Celebrate 50 years

The Peninsula School invites the community to celebrate its coming of age

The Lamattina Group congratulates The Peninsula School on their Golden Jubilee Anniversary

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Rumination is a luxury that we seldom allow ourselves. For that reason, I am pleased that our Golden Jubilee celebrations this year have given us cause to look back over our shoulder, to revisit the aims that the founders of The Peninsula School identified some 50 years ago. In light of the austerity of the post WW2 era, the founders’ ambition of creating a high performing school that would offer residents of the Mornington Peninsula a comparable alternative to the already well established Grammar Schools closer to Melbourne, was certainly a lofty one at the time.

Given their own pioneering spirit, I am confident that our founders would approve of the manner in which the School has responded to the changing educational landscape over the past 5 decades. The School, which opened its doors in 1961 with just 88 boys, has grown to over 1400 students, and is now fully coeducational at all year levels. We now offer entrance at Year 7 and we deliver the VCE to our local students as well as some 500 students in China.
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- 2011 - exceeding imagination

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Building for the future

The new VCE building opening in 2014

YET and VCAL programs are popular and we proudly support the charitable development of The Peninsula School in India, a commitment which aligns very well with the Christian values of the School.

It seems to me that our modern day vision for the School would not be too far removed from that of our founders. I am sure that they would be most satisfied with the School's record of producing well-rounded, community minded, resilient young men and women who are capable of flourishing personally and professionally and who generally view the world with great optimism.

Celebrating Fifty Years

1961 - 2011

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The very best teachers remain intellectually curious and professionally vital throughout their careers. They do their utmost to encourage, coax and draw out ability and to cultivate enthusiasm for learning. Much of the success of Peninsula can be attributed to the many generations of devoted and caring teachers who have gone well beyond the call of duty in fostering and developing the talents and ambitions of their students at all levels. This level of professionalism has always been prevalent at the School and is a hallmark of Peninsula today.

The motto for our Golden Jubilee year has been “Exceeding Imagination”. We will carry the sentiment of this phrase with us well into the next fifty years. It will certainly be applied to our new exciting venture, the building of a state-of-the-art VCE Centre due for completion by 2014.

If you have an interest in finding out more about what our School has to offer, I invite you to make contact with us.

Stuart Johnston
Principal

Scholarships

The Peninsula School is offering scholarships for students entering Grade 5 or Year 7 in 2013. Applications are also being sought from external candidates for the Memorial Scholarship for students entering Year 11 in 2012. The 2012 Lomholt Music Scholarship is available to talented musicians. Visit our website for details and to apply: www.tps.vic.edu.au

Excellence

2009
10 Peninsula students commenced their studies of Medicine in various Australian Universities.

2010
- 30% of Peninsula Year 12 students scored an ATAR above 90
- 10 students achieved an ATAR of 99+
- The median girls’ ATAR score was a stunning 88.2

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Caitlin Dwyer
Caitlin (yr 9) has been a recipient of the prestigious John Tallis Bursary for the past two years. She completed her Associate of Music Australia in 2010, at the age of 14, which is a wonderful achievement. Caitlin will soon travel to France for 2 months where she will study with a number of famous Professors at the Paris Conservatory.

Caitlin Ward
Caitlin Ward (yr 12) recently competed in the State Finals of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships, taking out 1st place in the Under 19 Mountain Bike category. Caitlin has done an excellent job in following her passion whilst still focusing on her VCE studies.

Georgina Torey
Earlier this year Georgina (Yr 5) represented Victoria in the Cross Country Championships in Canberra where she achieved an amazing top ten finish. Recently she won all of her events at the District Athletic Championships and travelled to Darwin to again represent Victoria in the National Schoolgirls Athletics Championships.

Arden Baker
Arden is rapidly climbing the ranks of those who enjoy running. His favourite form is the 200m, in which he is ranked Number 1 in Victoria and Number 5 nationally, in his age group. Arden can also boast some excellent results in the Open tournaments in which he regularly competes.

Belle Brockhoff
Currently completing Year 12, Belle is successfully mixing her studies with her passion for snow sports. Recently, amidst the rigors of her final year at school, Belle travelled to New Zealand to compete in the NZ Winter Games 2011 where she won the Boardercross event beating many world ranked competitors. Belle is currently ranked No.1 in Australia in Boardercross and Grand Slalom.

Billy Hartung
Billy Hartung (yr 11) has been awarded an Australian Institute of Sport Scholarship following a great year on the football field. He will soon spend time in Canberra at the A.I.S. and then, in January, head off to New Zealand to undertake a rigorous fitness regime.

Victoria Roadnight
Anumber of our Cadets recently attended the Testing Leadership Course at Puckapunyal Army Base. Victoria (Yr 10) demonstrated great initiative and practical skills and was ultimately named DLX of the Junior Leaders’ Course.

Girls’ Athletics Team
Peninsula girls continued their dominance this year at the AGSV Athletics Carnival with yet another Premierships performance. Brilliant!

Girls’ Snowsports Team
Winning the Girls’ Section of the 2011 Australian Secondary Schools’ Snowsports Team Championship was no mean feat. This victory, against many schools located much closer to the snow fields, was a great achievement for our dedicated Girls’ Snowsports team.

Positive Psychology at The Peninsula School

When asked what parents want for their children, not surprisingly, the answer always indicates that they want their children to be happy, healthy and successful.

The Peninsula School is very committed to the development of the whole person. Optimism, resilience, confidence, creativity and leadership are some of the many strengths that we look to engender in our students, in addition to fostering a love of lifelong learning.

In a nutshell, we aim to produce well educated and well rounded individuals who are capable of thriving personally and professionally, and who are well equipped to contribute to society in a satisfying and meaningful way.

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Positive Education at The Peninsula School
The Peninsula School places a huge emphasis on building mutually respectful relationships and connectedness within our community. We understand that positive teacher-student relationships are a key factor in student achievement and enhanced academic performance.

Throughout 2011, all Peninsula School staff have engaged in an intensive training course in the principles of Positive Psychology. To promote positive emotions, engagement, relationships, meaning and accomplishment, the School

Best wishes to the Class of 2011

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Positive Psychology from ELC to Year 12, has adopted a whole school Positive Psychology approach to teaching and learning.

Whilst there are numerous examples of implicit and explicit Positive Psychology teaching and learning activities already occurring throughout the School, the formal introduction of this program is set to be fully operational from the beginning of 2012.

An Informed Scientific Approach
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The Peninsula School is informed and staff are trained by a prominent Australian expert in this field, Associate Professor Lea Waters from The University of Melbourne. The scientific evidence-based approach to Positive Psychology training draws on empirical research findings of psychology, neuroscience and education. This research suggests that when applied in schools, student engagement, well-being and academic performance are greatly enhanced.

The encouragement that Positive Psychology gives to us to dwell on the things that are going well in our lives, rather than on the negatives, is well encapsulated in our school motto ‘Hold fast to that which is good’.

West Side Story, 2011