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Year 9 ADVANCE trip
All 4 Year 9 students headed to Melbourne this week in the capable hands of Mr Ellington and Mrs Rous. All reports are that they are having a wonderful time. Refer to the article in this newsletter for a full run-down of what they have got up to on this very worthwhile journey.

College Council
This week saw the last of our College Council meetings for the year. I would sincerely like to thank and congratulate all the Council members for their commitment and dedication they have shown throughout the year, capably led by Narelle Uren. There were some great discussions held, some differences in opinion aired and many, many decisions made – all in the name of making Derrinallum P-12 College a better place for our students – by far our number one priority. Trying to do the best for the school is an ongoing adventure that requires input from a number of sources - there is still much to do. With the help of our new Principal, Jackie Dullard, and any new councillors that we get next year, I’m sure that we, as a Council and as a whole school community, can continue to provide the education and the fantastic learning environment that your children deserve.

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Derrinallum P-12 College Recognition Evening
Derrinallum Hall
6.30pm
Monday 14th December 2015

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Students will be seated in their year levels. Staff members will be present, however, please be advised that students are under the care of their parents/guardians for the evening. If parents/ guardians allow their children to be outside before or after the conclusion of the Recognition Evening, please be aware that you are responsible for your children’s safety and behaviour. Your children must be supervised by a parent/guardian when outside at any time. Thank you.

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**Funding For School Uniform In 2016**

Please see the attached Fact Sheet regarding free uniform packs available to Year 7 students in 2016. Every Year 7 (2016) student who is a recipient of the Camps Sports & Excursion Fund automatically qualifies for a pack. Please contact Janette at Derrinallum College for more information.

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The Derrinallum P-12 College Primary Swimming Program has gone swimmingly! We have been fortunate enough with the weather this year and have been able to complete all 9 pool days. The kids have enjoyed the relief from the heat and have learned many new skills. We hope to keep the momentum going into the next year and ensure the program continues into the future.

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