Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and are now ready to face the challenges of what will be an exciting year for the college. I would like to warmly welcome new and returning staff members to our five campuses:

**New Staff**
- Jana Ash - FLC Seymour/Shepparton
- Brennan Deppeler - Maths Science HPE
- Luke Dewing - Instrumental Music
- Kevin Dunleavy - FLC Wodonga
- Tracee Flynn - Wellbeing Case manager
- Ian Franzke - FLC Wodonga
- Jennifer George - FLC Seymour
- Simon Hampton - Timber/VET Building
- Rebecca Higginson - FLC Benalla/Shepparton
- Lili Korndorffer - Wellbeing Youth worker
- Angela Lawson - VET Hospitality
- Kathleen McNab - English/Humanities
- Jacob Mildren - Student Engagement Trainee
- Rhonda Mildren - FLC Shepparton
- Josie Morrow - FLC Benalla
- Lacey Phillips - Admin
- Lauren Schmutter - Instrumental Music
- Lana Thorpe - Japanese
- Emily Weavers - Maths/Science
- Emily Woolford - Sport & Rec Trainee
- Annette Zukowski - FLC Wodonga
- Mark Ratcliffe - Maths/Science (Term 1)

**Returning Staff**
- Jessica Kellahan - Parental Leave (FLC Wodonga)
- Cynthia McFarland - Parental Leave (Humanities)

**Changes over the Holidays**
Besides the usual full clean of the college buildings and the ongoing maintenance of the grounds, some external & internal walls have also been painted, trees removed and new spouting installed.
We look forward to the construction of basketball/netball courts and the outdoor science classroom during first half of 2016.

Thank you to all staff especially the grounds, cleaning and technicians who have worked over the holidays to ensure we can start the 2016 school year smoothly.

**Youth Citizens of the year**
Congratulations to Ashley Whitehead and Jacob Mildren, two of the College captains for 2015 for receiving Youth citizen of the year for Wodonga and Indigo Shire.
CSEF (Camps, Sports & excursions fund)
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes. School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

How To Apply:
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Term 1 Important Dates:
- 11th February (Thursday) – School Photos
- 18th February (Monday) – Swimming Carnival
- 18th March (Friday) – Athletics Carnival
- 23rd March (Wednesday) – Student Progress Interviews

Vern Hilditch
Principal