Senior School Report

Term 2 is already in full swing after just one week and proving to be a very busy time for students in the Senior School. In addition to all the homework and assessment tasks, Term 2 also offers numerous extra-curricular opportunities for students to be involved in and benefit from.

Year 10
All students will be involved in the work experience program between 11 and 14 June. Students have been preparing for this in their Industry and Enterprise program, learning valuable information about themselves, different workplaces and careers, and pathways they are best suited to. A reminder to all parents and students that all work experience forms should now be returned to Pathways Coordinator, Jane Jamieson.

Year 11
Students studying VCE in Year 11 will be taking part in a compulsory study skills seminar by Elevate Education on Tuesday, 7 May in period 5. The presenters are young, recently graduated VCE students who excelled in their studies and give the students loads of practical advice and tips about how to study, take notes, revise and plan.

Year 12
Toward the end of Term 2 a group of Year 12 students and several staff took the ‘Walk in Her Shoes’ challenge, an initiative of Care Australia. The aim was to walk 10,000 steps per day to get some understanding of the experience of many girls and women in developing nations who have to walk this far each day for clean water, food and firewood, at the expense of education or a career. Mordialloc College raised over $1000 for this worthy cause and I thank and congratulate all the students and staff who participated.

Last week we had an important visit from David White, English examiner, who shared invaluable information with our Unit 3/4 English cohort about the English exam, how to prepare for it, advice on completing practice tasks and utilising the dot points in the study design. A letter has gone home to parents with information about group assessment tasks. Coming up this term we have two group assessment tasks that will be held after school in the Hub:
• Thursday, 2 May: English
• Monday, 6 May: Business Management

The Year 12 signature jackets are being ordered this week and students can look forward to wearing these proudly by the end of Term 2.

VCAL
Both Intermediate and Senior VCAL students are enjoying their one day a week of work experience in their chosen industry and gaining fantastic experience that will help them to secure employment or future study in 2014. In addition, they have been conducting health presentations to different groups in the school, enjoying cooking activities in the kitchen related to healthy lifestyle projects and our Intermediate class are growing their own vegetables in the Kitchen Garden. Next week they will all be attending The Age VCE and Careers Expo at the Caulfield Racecourse where they will visit a wide range of exhibitors and seminars to assist in their pathway decisions.

Toward the end of the term students in Years 10-12 will sit the (cont’d overleaf)

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mid-year examinations and I will take this opportunity to remind all our students to remain focused on the big picture. What do they want to achieve by the end of this year, or the next? What do they need to do to make sure they meet this goal? Who do they have to support them? What strategies do they have in place? Motivation, consistency and personal best are familiar terms that we constantly remind our students of as they progress through their senior studies. Of course it is important to balance the hard work with some fun and, the juicy carrot dangling at the end of Term 2 is the Senior Formal for all students in Years 11 and 12, held at Southern Golf Club on Friday, 28 June.

Ms Shelley Muir, Director of Senior School

College Production: ‘Singin in the Rain’

Rehearsals for Singin in the Rain are underway for Term 2! It’s going to be a busy term for all involved with the cast busily learning lines, blocking and choreography, the crew building and painting sets, and the band learning the score!

Staff and students are also working together to raise funds. Sugar levels have collectively gone up due to our Cadbury chocolate drive and, stay tuned regarding our trivia night!

Students who did not receive a Term 2 rehearsal schedule need to see Miss Shmerling asap.

Miss Tammy Shmerling, Performing Arts Coordinator

Hoddle Waddle

On 14 March the Year 9 SEALs went to the city to complete the “Hoddle Waddle”. The purpose of the Hoddle Waddle was to compare Melbourne from what it used to be and how it is now. The SEALs split up into six teams and went off to do tasks on their worksheets. Each team had different tasks to do on their sheets and nobody had the same route. Prior to the excursion Mr Palfery taught us about Robert Hoddle (who created the layout of Melbourne) and the layout of the Melbourne landmarks.

We had to find our own way around the CBD (Hoddle Grid) because we weren’t accompanied by a teacher so we had to rely on our provided maps and teamwork. I personally thought it was so cool not being accompanied by a teacher because it gave me a sense of independence through working on my own.

In my group our first destination was the Forum Theatre near Federation Square. We had to take a photo of it from across the street and count how many gargoyles were surrounding the building. This building was a great example of early Melbourne architecture. Other places we visited were The Arts Centre, Docklands and The State Library.

This excursion ties in perfectly with our current project “Melbourne: Then and Now”. We all enjoyed this excursion very much.

Jaymar and Luke, Year 9 SEAL

Year 11 & 12 Excursion to the Top Arts Exhibition at the NGV

Year 11 & 12 students enjoyed an Excursion to the yearly Top arts Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria on Wednesday, 17 April. All students left inspired and many were encouraged by the fact that the work was made by students the same age as them. Students left motivated and with a desire to want to improve in their own art making. The exhibition has become a yearly event for Year 11 and 12 students as it shows them what they could potentially achieve and establishes the expectations we have for our students at Mordialloc College.

Miss Lea Gilbert
Updating Student & Family Details
Thankyou to those parents who have already returned their forms with updated information. We would be grateful if the remainder could be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Miss Shmerling

VCAL Presentation
It’s always special when relationships between senior and junior students form and develop. On Tuesday, 16 April, VCAL students Carmie Van Der Berg and Kierley Pittard spoke to my Year 9 My Mentor class about a subject of great importance: Depression.
The discussion was to raise awareness, and raise awareness it did. The class was engaged and could all connect to the content on some level.
Whilst it was an assignment for Carmie and Kierley, it proved to be a meaningful exchange. Well done girls, for speaking so candidly about such a tough topic!
Miss Shmerling

FREE PARENT AND CHILD INFORMATION NIGHT
Bullying: Prevention and Coping skills for children and their parents
Date: Wednesday 22 May at 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Location: Brighton Grammar Senior School: Roberts Sanderson Hall, entrance off St Andrews Street
Presenter: Melissa Anderson - resilience educator, pharmacist, counsellor
Cost: Nil. A gold coin donation to a selected charity is warmly welcomed
Bookings: 9596 8814 or email: info@shineacademy.com.au
If your child has asthma, attending school camps and excursions can introduce them to new asthma triggers especially if they are going into new environments. It is essential that your child can participate fully and safely in all school activities. The following is a list of considerations to make for your child before they go on school camp or an excursion:

- Is your child’s asthma currently well controlled (e.g. no symptoms at night, reliever use less than 3 times per week)?
- Has your child had an asthma attack or asthma symptoms recently?
- Does the school have an Asthma Action Plan for your child?
- Has the school asked you to complete a School Camp and Excursion Medical Update Form?
- Does your child have their reliever medication and spacer on hand at all times?
- Are they attending with any other medications to be taken on the camp/excursion? If so, are there sufficient instructions to staff for use/dosage?
- Does your child self-administer their medication? If so, has their technique been checked recently?

For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au.