Dear Families and Community members,

**Exciting Opportunity for Year 10 Students in Science**

In second semester this year, Year 10 students will have the option of selecting Astrophysics as one of their elective choices. This option is being made available through the NBN Virtual School of emerging sciences. Students remain onsite at Mordialloc College and through video conferencing facilities in our Discovery Centre will connect in real time to teachers in the NVSES studio at the John Monash Science School with other students from across Australia. It is an exciting opportunity for students to become active participants in cutting edge emerging sciences, learning from leading experts and to apply their understanding to real world problems. Interested students will have an opportunity to visit the NVSES studio at John Monash later this month. Science Learning Area leader, Mrs Singh will be organising this excursion. Students electing to take this opportunity up will pick one less elective and will have a support teacher from Mordialloc who will liaise with NVSES.

**State Budget Announcement Events**

The College was invited to attend the State Budget luncheon for the Carrum electorate, hosted by Donna Bauer MP on Wednesday, 15 May at Doyle’s. I attended the lunch with School Captains, Morgan and Jesse as guests of Donna Bauer. It was an opportunity to hear from the newly appointed Treasurer the Hon. Michael O’Brien MP regarding the priorities over this term of government. I have taken the opportunity to invite Donna Bauer to our school next week to discuss potential future projects at the College in terms of improving some of our facilities, in particular the need for a new gymnasium and Performing Arts centre.

**Bully Stoppers Grants Program**

Congratulations to our Adolescent Health nurse, Ms Jenny Muir who has submitted a successful application on behalf of Mordialloc College for one of the $5000 grants being allocated by the department for this initiative. Ms Muir will utilise this funding to support the Safe Schools Coalition project she has started here at the College.

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**Important Dates**

- **Friday 17 May**
  - Year 12 Modern History Lecture (CBD)
- **Monday 20 May**
  - Year 12 English Incursion ‘Cosi’
- **Tuesday 21 May**
  - Year 7 Cybershorts Theatre Production
- **Wednesday 22 May**
  - VCE Dance Night
  - Intermediate Round Robin
- **Thursday 23 May**
  - VCE Drama Night
  - School Council (5pm)
- **Monday 27 May**
  - Year 7 to 10 Berthe Mouchette Incursion
- **Tuesday 28 May**
  - Year 8 Cybershorts Theatre Production
- **Wednesday 29 May**
  - Year 12 Chemistry Excursion to GTAC
  - Kingston Cross Country

The College was also invited to attend the 2013 Annual State Post Budget Breakfast on 8 May at 7am at the Sofitel in the city. Mr Tim Randell and eight senior students took this opportunity up (despite the early start!). The breakfast (cont’d overleaf)
was an opportunity for our students to meet the Premier of Victoria, Dr Denis Napthine and hear directly from the Victorian Treasurer, The Hon Michael O’Brien MLA, the morning after the Coalition Government released its State Budget. The breakfast also featured interactive discussion time with the Victorian Treasurer and special guest panellist Hans Kunnen, Chief Economist, Bank of Melbourne. We were one of three schools invited to attend.

If parents are worried about too much homework or lack of it, they should contact the relevant Family Guide in Year 7 or 8 and the Year Level Coordinator in Years 9-12.

Home-study provides further opportunities for parents to participate in their child’s education by:

1. Providing suitable conditions for study. Students need a quiet place, with adequate equipment (table, chair) and lighting.
2. Taking an active interest in the work set. Check the student planner (helping your children to use it systematically to record tasks to be done). Use the student planner as a means of communication between individual teachers and your home.
3. Taking note of due dates (put them on your household calendar too) and see that the work is actually getting done.
4. Getting to know your children’s work habits. Pace of work varies from person to person. Some students work better in the morning, others at night. Make allowances for these individual preferences.
5. Helping your children to find a suitable balance between the time spent on school work, sport, entertainment, part-time job, household chores and other activities.
6. Encouraging your household to work co-operatively. Parents and students need to realise each other’s needs and to work together to achieve family ambitions and goals.
7. Students should be aware of the world around them so they should be encouraged to read widely, including the daily newspapers.

PARENTS of primary and secondary students, in all Australian states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year’s online conference, to be held by Parents Victoria, in Australia. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Sunday, 19 May to midnight Saturday, 25 May 2013.

No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. *You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

*Please note: The ‘placeholder page’ that is currently visible at this website address will automatically redirect to the live conference homepage, at precisely 6am on Sunday, 19 May.

The conference will feature seven ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria or expert commentators from a number of different associations. Each 24-hour period will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents. There will also be two continuous online discussions that will last all week.

Michelle Roberts, Principal

### Parents Victoria Online Conference 2013

6am Sunday, 19 May to midnight Saturday 25 May (Australian time) Register (for no cost) at: [http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/default.php](http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/default.php)

#### Details

Thank you 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.

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**Homework Guidelines**

The College believes that to promote student engagement with their learning, some homework should be set and done regularly under the coordination of the teacher. The work done at home by a student is a vital and necessary extension of the class lessons to enable them to consolidate and reinforce the work covered during the day. This is best done some hours after the lesson and when the student is alone. Students’ work at home is divided into two categories:

**Home-study**

Students should independently follow-up on class work to ensure that work is understood and relevant facts are committed to memory as a foundation for future learning and

**Homework**

which is a task set by the teacher or the completion of work not finished in class.

Home study should be done each night. Consistent study through the year is essential for success in the senior years and the habit of home study must be set in the middle school years. The student planner (diary) is an important tool for parents to plan their work commitment and for parents as a means of communication between teacher and parents.

Time spent in home study will vary with individuals and the following amounts of time are a guide to the time the student should spend on home study and homework most nights of the week.

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Mordialloc College staff and students share and proudly demonstrate our agreed values of Personal Best, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility
2013 Annual State Post Budget Breakfast

On 8 May, Mr Randell along with eight students undertaking VCE Business Management or Accounting, got a rare opportunity to attend the Annual State Post Budget breakfast. We all had an early start, catching the 5:57am train from Mordialloc to arrive at the Melbourne Sofitel Hotel just in time for the 7am start. Our school along, with two other schools, were welcomed by the Attorney General, Robert Clark who gave us a quick overview as to what was to happen throughout the morning. Soon after we were escorted to our tables where we met our local MP, Donna Bauer who talked to us about many of the proposed changes addressed by the budget.

The Treasurer, Michael O’Brien, commenced his presentation at 7:15am as we were being served for breakfast. The purpose of the event, hosted by Enterprise 500, was to address businessmen and women throughout Victoria about the State Budget for the next financial year. The presentation included facts and statistics that outlined the major decisions that were made when the budget was being made. We had an interesting experience, viewing the budget from the perspective of the Government.

Towards the end of the presentation attendees had the chance to ask questions regarding the decisions made when forming the state budget. Our very own Matt made the brave decision to go up to the microphone in front of hundreds of individuals and thanked the Treasurer for allocating long overdue funds to improve the Frankston line of train services.

Overall, the morning was very memorable. It was a very different experience for many of us, who’ve never attended a Government or a business briefing. We would like to thank our MP, Donna Bauer for inviting Mordialloc College to this event and Mr Randell for taking us and making sure we didn’t get lost in the process.

Rakesh, Year 12

Singfest 2013

On Thursday, 2 May nine of our talented vocalists headed to Elwood College for Singfest 2013. Once there they united with vocalists from ten colleges around the region to collectively create a ‘soul grabbing’ mix of melody and multiple part harmony. Led by the acclaimed chorus singer Kevin Kelley, our wonderful vocalists helped make this singing festival an enchanting experience for all involved.

Mr Demis Danoudis, Music Teacher

Year 11 & 12 VCAL

The Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL classes have been busy this fortnight! First we all did the 1000 Steps. We split up into groups and challenged each other. It was hard but definitely worth it. We bonded with each other and our teachers and felt the rush of reaching the finish line and looking down. Later that week we went to The Age Career Expo. In the second week we had a guest speaker come in to talk to us about drink driving. Sonya told us a little about her life in hospital and also shared some horrific real life stories. She was funny and the messages were received, loud and clear.

On behalf of Year 11 and 12 VCAL we would just like to say a big thankyou to our teacher organisers, Miss Muir, Miss Walters and Miss Shmerling

Carmie, VCAL Captain

Collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Mordialloc College has again registered for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. All you have to do is collect your sticker card from Woolworths, attach your stickers and place them in the box outside Sick Bay. One sticker is given for every $10 spent. Please help us to get as many new resources as possible for the school.

Ms Penny Trumble
ONLY 3 DAYS TO GO UNTIL THE Language Perfect World Championships!! The largest online languages competition in the world.

We have 254 students registered to compete! The Language Perfect World Championships start at 6pm on Monday, 20 May and students can compete any time of the day and night until 6pm on Thursday, 30 May!

Current leaders in Language Perfect (not the World Champs competition) in 8E French are Sophie with 1565 points and Rhys with 1515 points. 8C French leaders are Nathan and David. Ana is leading 8A with 469 points followed by Noraine (374) and Jericho (324). Year 7 leaders are Kristen with 987 points and Josh with 531. Every 50 points puts students into the draw to win the ipod shuffle.

Congratulations to all our French students who have already answered 85,930 questions with a school score of 21,342 points.

NOTE: Please remember that only points earned during the World Championships competition count towards prizes and certificates. (May 20-30, 2013)

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK AND LET’S GET READY FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!!

ATTENTION parents and students: The Hub will be available after school for any students who wish to use school computers/ipads to compete in the Language World Championships, otherwise keep typing away at home! Remember it’s on 24/7!

Next week Mrs Amesbury will stay behind in the Hub on Wednesday 22, Thursday 23 and Friday 24 May until 4.10 pm.

The following week, Mrs Amesbury will stay behind on Monday, 27, Tuesday 28 until 4.10pm and Thursday 30 May until about 4.30pm (It will finish at 6pm on Thursday 30th May).

Thankyou to Ms Trumble and Ms Beckwith!!

Bronwyn Amesbury, French Teacher

Equal Opportunity Sports Day & Age Group Champions

House Swimming Age Group Champions

House Athletics Age Group Champions

“How Can I Support My Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender Child?”

A free and confidential workshop for parents and families with a child who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning.

Wednesday
29 May 2013
7 - 9 pm

Members of RESPECT Steering Committee are available to answer questions and provide support.

Venue:
Rutland Civic and Recreation Centre
12 Rutland Ave

Parking is available on site.

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