School Council Elections
Once again it is time to hold elections for the College Council. The Council is responsible for setting the policies that the school will follow, monitoring the expenditure of money and maintaining the facilities. Our Council meets at 5:00pm on a Thursday, twice a term.

Composition
There are two separate electorates.—
1. the electorate of parent members
2. the electorate of Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employee members.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Mordialloc College.

Timeline:
Friday, 15 February 2013: Notice of election and call for nominations.
Friday 22 February: Nominations close 4:00pm. (Nomination forms can be obtained from the General Office)
Monday 25 February: List of candidates.
Friday 1 March: Ballot papers prepared and distributed.
Friday 8 March: Close of ballot
Tuesday 12 March: Vote count and declaration of ballot.
Thursday 21 March: First meeting of new Council
Following the closing of the nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.
The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows -

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Notes:
1. “Electorate of the school” means the DEECD employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.
2. “Parent electorate of the school” means all persons (except the Principal) who are Parents of students of the school.
3. “DEECD employee electorate of the school” means the Principal of the school and DEECD employees engaged in work at and for the school.
4. “DEECD employee”
   (a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an on-going capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days -
   (i) under the Teaching Service Act 1981; or
   (ii) by the DEECD under the Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998; or
   (iii) by a school council of a State school; or
   (iv) under section 5 or 5A of the Education Act 1958; or
   (v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and
   (b) does not mean a person employed, under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.
5. Votes may be posted to the Principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot.

Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal
We Are Here To Look After You! The Student Wellbeing Team at Mordialloc College

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the Student Wellbeing Team to our new families and students, and to extend a very warm welcome to you. To all the students and families returning this year – welcome back!

Mordialloc College is a school that cares and we have the evidence to support this. It may be of interest to know that each year students are surveyed on their attitude to schooling including wellbeing, measuring their sense of belonging and connectedness to school. I am pleased to report that our outcomes in student engagement and wellbeing are quite extraordinary, placing the College amongst the highest performing secondary schools.

With the start of the new year we see new beginnings—the Wellbeing Team have moved into the new Student Wellbeing Centre as part of the new Resource Hub development. This purpose built area contains ideal spaces for both confidential student support and counselling and small group workshops, activities and resources.

So who makes up the Wellbeing Team?

This year there will be three of us in the team. Jamie Toll, School Chaplain, Jenny Muir Adolescent Health Nurse and myself – Di Douglas Director of Student Wellbeing. The wellbeing support we offer does not stop there, we also have valued strong links with a number of community agencies that we work with in close partnership. These include Kingston Youth Services, Central Bayside Health Services and Family Life.

Through the Kingston Schools Network we also have available to us the services of Psychologist, Melissa Peters, Speech Pathologist, Sandra Cooke and Social Worker Ann Sullivan. Last year we began a new partnership with the psychological services of ‘Engage 1 on 1’ – providing further opportunities for students to link in with the services of a psychologist at the school.

We are excited about a number of programs we are developing during this year. Jamie Toll kicked off the ‘Rock and Water’ program with the Year 7s at the end of the year and is planning to implement it further this year. This program involves using physical activity to explore ways to manage strong emotions and resolve conflict.

I am enjoying co-facilitating the Blossom Project workshops which is an eight week program for a selected group of Year 8 girls. It is a craft based program exploring a number of wellbeing topics. Jenny will continue to deliver a diverse range of health programs across the College.

So what sort of things would people contact the Wellbeing Team about? In short, a whole range of things! We are available to meet one on one with students and or small groups as required.

If you would like to further discuss the Wellbeing services we can offer or any concerns you may have about the wellbeing of your child please feel free to contact me at the College.

Di Douglas

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private loss and grief issues, challenges with friendships, assisting with financial difficulties, stress management, concerns about the wellbeing of your child. We are available to meet one on one with students and or small groups as required.

Materials and Services @ Mordialloc College

Your payment of the Materials and Services Contribution @ Mordialloc College supports the delivery of a quality education for your child. These payments go towards Art supplies, Design and Technology materials, Groceries in Food Technology and maintaining equipment in our Sports, Health, Media and Science areas.

Suggested payment plans were included in your Enrolment Packages. However we appreciate that these dates may not be suitable for all families and other methods of payment can be arranged.

Families in receipt of EMA may wish to sign this payment over to the College for allocation to the Materials and Services Contribution when received.

Alternatively families can set up direct deposits into the College’s bank account. Please contact the Business Manager, Yvonne Aird, on 9580 1184 for more details on this payment method.
Mordialloc Students Leading The Way ....

On Friday, 8 February our Middle School Captains and Year 12 student leaders participated in an all day workshop, "Lead the Way". This program is designed to establish the foundations for a long-term leadership program within the school. Students not only reflected upon the College values, leadership styles and leadership capacity, but also learnt project management skills to ensure their vision could be put into action.

Here's what some of our student leaders thought of the day:

"Working together as an effective team for our school is our main priority. Getting involved on Friday helped us to learn how to make that possible." Morgan, College Captain.

"The workshop was extremely beneficial – for anyone who wasn’t feeling the full weight of responsibility as a leader, they will certainly feel it now! The workshop reminded us all what a huge responsibility we have but also what an honour and privilege it is, while also equipping us with the skills we need to make changes.” Anoosha, College Vice Captain.

"Friday’s workshop gave me a good view on leadership and different ways that I can fulfil my duty this year” Matt, Sports Captain.

Thank you to all school leaders for their enthusiastic and mature approach to the day. I am looking forward to working with this group on many projects throughout the year.
Ms Shelley Muir, Director of Senior School

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School Photographs
Families should be aware that school photographs will be taken on Thursday, 21 February and payment will be required on the day of photography (correct money must be given as there are no facilities for change to be given). Any money brought in after that day cannot be accepted by the school. Parents will need to make arrangements directly with Aussie School Photos.

Students should be in complete Summer uniform
Envelopes explaining all the portrait options have been distributed.

Ms Elizabeth Commons
There’s nothing healthy about a tan.

If you think tanning gives you a healthy glow, think again.

- Tanning and sunburn are skin cells in trauma.
- One damaged skin cell can start a melanoma growing.
- A melanoma need only be 1mm deep to spread to other parts of the body.

There is no such thing as a safe tan – whether from the sun or a solarium. Tanning is sign of your skin cells in trauma and the more your skin is exposed to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, the greater your risk of skin cancer. Even if a melanoma is cut out, it can appear months or years later, often in your lung, liver or brain.