

# Mordialloc College

## ADVANCE PROGRAM SELECTION POLICY

### Rationale

Advance is a school-based program for young people to volunteer in their community. It is a partnership between the Department of Human Services, Victorian Government secondary schools and community organisations.

Through Advance, young people, schools and community organisations develop networks of relationships while achieving shared goals. The program encourages communities to support and recognise young people's participation and positive role in society, whilst participants complete many hours of community service in and out of school hours.

### Aims

At Mordialloc College, Advance gives Year 9 and 10 students a chance to do something great in their community based around surf lifesaving, pool lifesaving, basic first aid and resuscitation. The students develop leadership skills, work in teams to plan projects, meet new people and develop initiative skills, life skills, creative thinking and make a difference in their community. This will entail working with the City of Kingston and Yarrabah Special School in the area of revegetation and environmental cleanliness around Mordialloc College and the creek areas, patrolling Mordialloc beach, in addition to school based community service. At the end of the program students will have completed the Surf Rescue Certificate Award, Pool Bronze Medallion, Basic First Aid and Resuscitation. They will have become a member of the Mordialloc Life Saving Club and completed beach patrol activities as part of this. They will also be given the opportunity to complete their Surf Bronze Medallion award and other awards on offer from the Mordialloc Life Saving Club.

Due to the specialist nature of this subject, numbers are restricted to 22 students per year and where possible, a gender balance will be prioritised due to sleeping arrangements on overnight activities.

### Implementation

- Before subject selections are made in Term 3, all Year 8 students are provided with information about the subject 'Advance.' Whilst the subject is an elective, students are made aware that this is a two year subject, beginning in Year 9 and concluding at the end of Year 10 and it is expected that they will commit to this subject for the full two years
- Students are informed of the following pre-requisites for the program:
  - Must be able to swim 200 metres in a pool in, or under, 5 minutes (this is a requirement of Life Saving Victoria, for all participants when they complete their Surf Rescue Certificate)
  - Demonstrated exemplary behaviour and are college-community minded
  - Participated in all district sporting carnivals that Mordialloc College partake in (eg. swimming, cross country and athletics)
  - Participated in a variety of extracurricular activities during their time at Mordialloc College
  - Demonstrated ability to remain up to date with all class work and homework given
- Students must select 'Advance' as their first preference when selecting their electives as this shows that they are committed to participating in the program

- Once all students have selected electives, the names of those students who picked ‘Advance’ as their first preference will be collated and a meeting held with the Year 8 team to shortlist students based on the above pre-requisites
- A box of “Boys” and “Girls” will be set up with the names of students that have been short listed. 22 students in total will be selected. Initially 10 boys and 10 girls will be randomly selected at this meeting. The final 2 students will either both be male or both female, depending on the previous year e.g. If 2 extra boys were selected the previous year, then 2 extra girls will be selected the following year
- The remaining students will be drawn out and placed, in order, on the emergency list and will be offered a position in the program if one becomes available or if a student is unable to pay the fees associated with this program
- Any new students to the school who would like to participate in the ‘Advance’ program will also be placed on the emergency list

### **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	14 August 2014
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