Dear Families and Community members,

Welcome back for Term 2. It is very important that all students settle quickly into the daily routine of lessons as well as our expectations of home study.

90th Birthday Celebrations
The organising committee has started to plan for this significant occasion on the College calendar. The date has been set for Friday 17 October 2-8pm. We are bringing forward the Annual Art show opening to coincide with this event. There will also be tours, memorabilia displays and a variety of entertainment. Please save this date and let any past students you may still be in contact with know about this occasion. More information will be coming soon.

Reporting/Parent Teacher Interviews
During the last week of Term 1 parent teacher interviews were conducted. This was the first year we have used an online booking system through Compass and it appears to have worked really well, with the night being the most heavily attended interview night I have seen at the College. If you have any feedback on the online booking system, please email the College.

Parent Communication Policy
This year we introduced a new parent communication policy to ensure we have a consistent and regular approach across the College with email communication to parents; and to keep parents informed of their child's progress, due dates, excursions etc. If you have any feedback with regards to this, please email me via the College email address.

Anzac Day
On Thursday 24 April, the College held a whole school assembly to recognise Anzac Day. This was run by our school captains and middle school captains. They did a wonderful job and I congratulate all students for their exemplary behaviour during the assembly.

Winter Uniform Reminder
I would like remind students of their responsibility in relation to uniform. The College expectation is that all students will now be in the correct winter uniform, and that this uniform is worn correctly (shirts tucked in, ties done up properly) just as it would be expected in any workplace. This also means no hoodies worn under or over your jumper. Our uniform is a very important part of the image we project of our College community and therefore I expect all students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride to, from and at school. I would ask parents to reinforce these expectations at home.

Our new black rain jacket with logo ($37.99) arrived at the uniform shop and has since sold out due to the rainy weather. New stock is due in around 2 weeks. A reminder that this jacket is for outside wear only (to and from school, in the yard at break times). It is not to be worn in class. It is for rain protection ONLY, not for warmth. Students will still need to purchase a jumper and polar fleece or blazer to keep warm in winter.

Open Events
We look forward to meeting prospective students and their parents at our open events in the next week. On Saturday 3 May, our Year 7 Learning Centre will be open from 2 - 4pm with guests having the opportunity to participate in a range of interactive learning workshops with our Year 7 teaching team and members of the leadership team. On the evening of Tuesday 6 May, the whole school will be open for our annual Open Night. There will be a formal start to the night at 7pm in the Year 7 Learning Centre with our School Captains hosting this occasion. I will address the audience followed by our School Council president, Ms Nicky Hersey. Then George Tzimourtas, Director of Middle School and two of our year 7 students, Camille Nightingale and Jarrod Mc Henry will provide an overview of our Year 7 program. Guests will then have the opportunity to be taken on a guided tour of the school to see the various learning areas in operation, to meet teaching staff and current students. Thanks to the many students who have volunteered their time to attend on the night to act as guides. We also run tours of the school during the day for prospective students and their parents to see the College at work. People are able to book in for our weekly tour on Wednesdays at 9.30am.
**Important Dates**

**May**
- Saturday 3/5
  - Open Afternoon 2-4pm
  - SEAL presentation 3pm
- Tuesday 6/5
  - Open Night 7-9 pm
  - SEAL presentation 6.30pm
- Wednesday 7/5
  - Y11 Unit 1 Biology to Zoo
- Thursday 8/5
  - VCAL Career Expo
  - Friday 9/5
    - Y10-12 French Play “Cher Trésor”
    - SEAL entrance exam 10-12 noon
- Monday 12/5
  - Y8 Camp Phillip Island 12-14
  - Y10 Work Experience all week
  - Tuesday 13/5
    - Y7 and Y9 NAPLAN
  - Thursday 15/5
    - Y10 Top Arts
    - Senior Round Robin
- Tuesday 20/5
  - Music Camp 20-22
- Thursday 22/5
  - Y12 Business Yakult Factory
- Monday 26/5
  - Y9 Community Placements
- Tuesday 27/5
  - Y7-10 French “Berthe Mouchette”

**Student Attitudes to School Survey**

We are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The *Attitudes to School* survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. We will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. This is the eleventh year that the survey has been offered. Students from *Year 7 to 12* at our school will participate in the survey over the next few weeks. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and all responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey results will be reported back to the school in July and will be communicated to parents through the Annual Report.

**NAPLAN: National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy**

On the mornings of Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May all students in *Years 7 and 9* will be sitting the national tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy. It is important that students treat these tests seriously and strive to achieve their **Personal Best**.

The results will be used to:
- help teachers identify students who require greater challenges or additional support
- help the College identify strengths and, if any, gaps in teaching programs and to set goals in Literacy and Numeracy
- provide additional feedback to students and parents about individual achievements and progress

All parents of students in Year 7 and 9 will receive a NAPLAN report on their child’s progress later this year. The report is only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made about your child by teachers.

**House Athletics**

On the last of Term 1 the College Athletics sports were held on a cool autumn day. The event was well supported by students and staff who enthusiastically engaged with the busy program and it was a very successful and enjoyable day. Congratulations go to Kalura (Green House) on their great win. Congratulations also to Sports Co-ordinator Cory Watters for his excellent organisation of this event, all students and staff for their wonderful work and positive involvement on the day.

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**1st Green House** - 937 points  
**2nd Yellow House** – 752 points  
**3rd Red House** – 720 points  
**4th Blue House** – 628 points  

**Age Group Champions for House Athletics**

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**College Communication**

If you are not receiving regular communication by email we do not have your current email address. Regular updates are being sent from teaching staff and Principal Class. Our newsletter and most communication from the College is being distributed electronically.

Please email your preferred email address to: mordialloc.co@edumail.vic.gov.au advising your name and student name so that we can update our records.
Dawn Service

On ANZAC Day this year, we woke up before 5am. It was extremely cold at 6 degrees. We had the privilege of being able to attend a Dawn Service at Chelsea Town Hall to commemorate all those who have served Australia in military operations. We made our way there in the dark, and waited for the service to commence at 6am. The service taking place in the cold dawn air served as a reminder of the harsh conditions suffered by the soldiers when the ANZACs launched their dawn attack on the Turkish peninsula of Gallipoli.

The service included speeches, the hymn “Abide With Me”, The Last Post and one minute’s silence. There was also a wreath laying ceremony, which we took part in, representing Mordialloc College. It was a very special moment being able to lay down a wreath in remembrance. It was also a very moving ceremony, and we hope to return next year. As The Last Post was played, the sun rose and we will remember them.

We would like to thank Miss Hargreaves for organising to take us, and Miss Roep for attending with us as well. We also felt honoured to be chosen to attend The Shrine of Remembrance in the city last Wednesday and to lead an ANZAC assembly for our College.

Isabella Barker & Matt Smith, College Captains

SRC Visit to the Shrine

While most students were settling in for their second day of Term 2 on Wednesday the 23rd of May, the SRC, accompanied by Ms Hargreaves and Mr Wischusen, attended a spectacular service at the Shrine of Remembrance in memory of our ANZACs and their hard work and dedication to our country. Many schools from across Victoria surrounded the Shrine in order to take part in this service, alongside teachers, cadets, war veterans, Legacy member and volunteers, curious on-lookers and members of our defence forces.

Being able to lay the wreath on behalf of Mordialloc college, with Matt and Bella by my side, representing our school in such a way was an honour.

The whole day was a wonderful experience!

Siobhan Green, Vice Captain

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.”
Make the **right choice**
Make an **informed choice**

This invaluable opportunity is highly recommended for prospective parents and students seeking leading educational opportunities.

Meet the Principal and hear firsthand why Mordialloc College is an academic leader among Government schools in the City of Kingston. The continuing results include:

- 100% of eligible students gaining their VCE
- 100% of VCE students receiving tertiary offers
- Top VCE scores with our current Dux achieving 97.25 ATAR
- Our student NAPLAN above state average
- Tertiary placements include courses at Melbourne and Monash Universities in Pharmacy, Engineering, Science, Commerce and Arts
- Recognition as a state leader in teaching and learning, student relationships and wellbeing

To secure a place we recommend parents and students approaching Year 7 attend our:

**Open Day** Saturday 3rd May, 2014
2.00 – 4.00pm; tour the Year 7 learning area; SEAL presentation 3.00pm

**Open Night** Tuesday 6th May 2014
7.00 – 9.00pm; see the whole College at work, participate in interactive learning workshops; SEAL presentation 6.30pm
Advertising

All advertising enquiries may be directed by email to mordialloc.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Thursday, 8th May - 7.30pm
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380 William Street

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Dobson’s Uniform Shop
at Mordialloc College
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Monday 8.30 - 11.30 am
Wednesday 12.30 - 4.00 pm

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