Dear Families and Community Members,

**Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in 2015**

Mordialloc College aims to connect our students with vibrant and engaging learning communities that extend beyond the classroom and help develop our students as resilient and innovative learners. We recognise that our students are immersed in a technology rich world and aim to guide them to become flexible, efficient, conscientious, creative, safe and responsible digital citizens. As part of these endeavours, we have been actively increasing the role of technology in our teaching in recent years, adopting new online systems and using government support to increase students’ access to technology and digital resources.

As most parents will be aware, the main funding for this growth, the Federal Government’s Digital Education Revolution (DER) program came to a close in mid-2013. Through its main component, the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF), Mordialloc College was able to initiate a College-owned 1:1 netbook program in the Senior School, create greater access to technology for Middle-School students and develop robust technological infrastructure for the entire College.

In response to the ending of these programs, Mordialloc College is adopting a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. This would require students in specific year levels to bring their own personal digital learning device (laptop or tablet computer) to school on a daily basis. We have already initiated a BYOD-iPad program in Year 7 in 2014, which will progress until students complete Year 9 and will supplement our current 1:1 Netbook program in the Senior School with a BYOD policy.

As of 2015, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be encouraged to bring their own devices (laptops, netbooks or tablets). Ideally, we would prefer all students to bring their own devices to provide an authentic and rich as possible learning. We do recognise that, like uniforms, supplies and extracurricular activities, a laptop/tablet computer for student use represents a significant investment for families. If a student were unable to bring their own device, we would require the student to participate in the College’s 1:1 Netbook Program.

An information evening will be held at 7pm on **Tuesday 18th November** in the Learning Centre to explain the requirements and conditions of the BYOD and 1:1 Netbook programs. All students wishing to bring their own device or participate in the College’s 1:1 Netbook Program are required to attend and will receive the relevant user agreements on the night.

**Student Reports-Online Access**

In 2013, Mordialloc College digitised the publication of student reports, creating quicker and easier access for parents and students in addition to the traditional hardcopy. Based on student and parent feedback, this year the College ceased the printing of hardcopy reports, instead encouraging parents to access their student’s reports through their Compass portal.

The Compass portal has recently been redesigned to make it easier for parents and students to access the information they want most.

Take the following 5 steps to access your student’s reports (and to see their attendance and timetable):

1. Navigate to the College’s Compass portal: [http://mcsc.vic.jdlf.com.au](http://mcsc.vic.jdlf.com.au) (this link can also be found on our website)

2. Enter your username and password. Each parent/family has their own unique username, different to that of their students. These were posted out in 2013 and at the beginning of 2014.
If you have forgotten either or did not receive the original letter please contact the College on 9580 1184 or email mordialloc.co@edumail.vic.gov.au to request a new letter, change your password or simply check your details.

3. The Home screen of the Parent portal provides simple and quick access to each of your student’s attendance, timetable, and reports, and allows you to book interview times when parent-teacher interviews are available.

4. Simply click on “view academic reports” under your student’s profile to be taken to their current and previous reports.

5. Click on the relevant report to download and view it. PLEASE NOTE: These links will download the PDF version of the report not open it. You need to open the PDF from your downloads folder.

If you require a hardcopy of your student’s reports please contact the College’s office on 9580 1184 to arrange printing and postage details.

The College welcomes any feedback parents and students have on improving the process for accessing reports and communicating this important information. Please feel free to provide feedback or improvements by emailing mordialloc.co@edumail.vic.gov.au or calling on 9580 1184.

Josh Flood
Director of eLearning

Important Dates

**October 2014**
- Friday 31
  - VCAA Exams continue to

**November 2014**
- Monday 3
  - Y11 Exams 3-7
  - Finance Meeting
- Tuesday 4
  - Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
- Thursday 6
  - School Council
- Friday 7
  - Y7 SEAL Kryal Castle
  - Y10 Health Go Karting
- Monday 10
  - Y11 into Y12 Headstart 10-28
  - Y9 Community Placements 10-14
- Wednesday 12
  - Y9 Advance Surf Camp 12-14
- Monday 17
  - Y10 Exams
  - Middle School Assembly
- Tuesday 18
  - MEX Information Evening 6.30pm
  - Senior School BYOD Information Evening 7-8pm
- Thursday 20
  - World Challenge Expedition 20/11-20/12
- Monday 24
  - MEX City Week
  - Y10 into Y11 Headstart 24/11-5/12
- Friday 28
  - Y11 Mystery Tour 3.30-10.30pm
  - Last official school day for Y11

Due to the number of parents who have indicated that their child/children will not be at school on Monday Nov 3 the canteen will be closed.
The ACER Assessment of Language Competence Tests

This year the Year 9-12 students studying French took part in the Language Competence tests as part of an additional assessment. Students in Year 9 and 10 levels participated in the Certificate 1 tests which consisted only of listening comprehension. The Year 11 level competes for the Certificate 2 while the Year 12 do the Certificate 3 and these 2 levels also had to complete a reading comprehension section with the listening component. Students were confident and happy to participate in these tests as it helped to improve their literacy skills and strategies they individually use for language learning. As their teacher, I am very pleased with the overall results. All the students will be soon presented with their certificates at our Year Level Assemblies!

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Year 7 Excursion to the ACMI – Belle et Sebastien

On Wednesday 15th of October, the Year 7 students had the opportunity to go to ACMI in the city to see a French film called ‘Belle et Sebastien’. It was quite a fun day as we all embarked on our train journey to the city and after the movie we had time to visit the Southbank area, where we bought food and walked around the shops a bit. We were lucky to see this movie – it was a great story about a boy who became friends with a dog. The movie also had some historical aspects, such as war and some good French people helping the Jews to cross the border into Switzerland. We were a bit anxious that we wouldn’t understand a lot, but actually the movie had English subtitles and this was great! Ms Peerbux also told us this movie was one of the best movies played at the French Film Festival school screenings this year. We agree as we really enjoyed the film! We would like to thank Ms Wood, Ms Hughes and Ms Peerbux for taking us on this excursion.

Eleni Hatzis, Elena Mortimer and Lilidh Kerr
– Year 7 students
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF
2014
### Community Notices

**Dobson’s Uniform Shop at Mordialloc College**

**Trading Hours**
- **Monday**: 8.30 - 11.30
- **Wednesday**: 12.30 - 4.00

Situated off the foyer of the School Hall

**Telephone**: 9587 0738

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