Dear Families and Community Members,

We look forward to a very busy week next week at the College with Orientation Day on Tuesday 9th December and Award Night on the 10th. Please note Orientation Day will run from 9am to 3pm, with a 2.30pm dismissal for the rest of the school as per our normal Tuesday timetable. All families should have received a letter regarding the arrangements for the day on Wednesday the 10th of December with a large number of staff and students involved with Award night rehearsals at the City of Kingston Town Hall. There will be an early dismissal for the rest of the school at 1.30pm to allow for final Award Night preparations. A reminder Awards Night will start promptly at 7pm.

Facility Development – Performing Arts Centre

Our plans for the development of a Performing Arts Centre with the $1.337 million allocated in this year’s state budget have now been approved by the department and the project has been put out to tender. We will be interviewing next week. Once we appoint an architect firm as the Principal Consultants, the planning stage of the project begins, including the schematic design and development. Following advice from the Region that we must use existing space, the new centre is to be located where the current Forum space is. Such a central location puts it in a prime position to be a feature of the school, along with the Hub and Discovery Centre. To do this we are relocating the senior study centre and offices. In response to feedback from the Senior School team, work has already begun refurbishing D1 and all the connecting office spaces into a VCE study centre.

The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools

This year DEECD removed the requirement of schools to undergo a formal accreditation process to become a SEAL school. Thus, any school who has an enhancement program can now say they are a SEAL school. There are 37 schools that do actually hold the accreditation and as such want to remain distinct from other schools. As a result we have officially formed The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools.

A management committee has been established for the academy and a coordinator will be appointed to oversee the accreditation process across all schools; coordinate meetings between the respective schools and the SEAL coordinators; provide PD to teachers; and ensure consistency of processes across all schools.

Student Leadership Positions 2015

I congratulate all students who went through an extensive application process where candidates delivered a speech to their year level, wrote a short application and were interviewed by a panel of three members of the College leadership team. I am pleased to announce the successful candidates who will form the student leadership team next year.

Senior School
College Captains: Natalie Prochazka and Max Nichols
College Vice-Captain: Shae MacBryde
Sports Captains: Anthony Cameron and Alana Hafoka
Performing Arts Captain: Gemma Benci
Special Events Captain: Kristy Clark
Visual Arts Captains: Elise Sen and Briony-Rose Bruce
VCAL Captain: Kieran Begg

Middle School
Middle School Captains: Dilara Isikli and Bailey Bocksette
Middle School Vice-Captains: Annie Ea, Sabrina Berg and Naena Good-Jackson

Congratulations to all students who were nominated and went through the selection process for these positions. Thanks to Robyn Wilson, Shelley Muir, George Tzimourtas and Lauren McIvor for being on the respective selection panels with me. In addition to these positions, students still have the opportunity to nominate for house captain and SRC.

Uniform reminder

A reminder to families that from the start of next year, ALL boys must be wearing the new short sleeved business shirt with our College logo in summer. A number of boys have already purchased this and all Year 7 boys have been wearing the new shirt this year. There has been lots of positive feedback about how good the new shirt looks. The white polo shirt can still be worn for Physical Education as an alternative to the green polo. Please note a short sleeved
business shirt without the College logo is not part of the uniform.
Also to our current Year 9 students, a reminder that you will need to purchase the grey Senior School jumper for next year as you enter Year 10 and the Senior School.

**Reciprocal Visit - Principal for a Day program**
Last term, Claire Lubinski from NAB Docklands participated in this program at Mordialloc College and then invited me back for a reciprocal visit this term. I attended with Assistant Principals Mr Osborne and Miss Roep. It was a most interesting insight into the corporate world. The working environment structured around collaborative and flexible working spaces (much like we do here for our students), discussions around brand management and community engagement, corporate responsibility and shared values and change management principles similar across both sectors.

**Reports**
A reminder that reports will be available via the parent and student portals of Compass from Friday the 12th December. I was quite alarmed by how many families had not accessed their semester one report (we are able to see via Compass statistics). Please contact the College if you have any trouble accessing or if you would like a hard copy.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal

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**Important Dates**

**December 2014**
- Thursday 4
  - School Council
  - Y8 Bounce excursion
- Friday 5
  - Y10 Last official school day

**Tuesday 9**
- Grade 6 Orientation Day
- Y7 into Y8 Orientation Day
- Y8 into Y9 Orientation Day

**Wednesday 10**
- Award Night - students dismissed at 1.30pm

**Thursday 11**
- Y7 Icehouse excursion
- Y9 MEX expo

**Friday 12**
- Y9 into Y10 Orientation Day

**Monday 15**
- VTAC ATAR’s Released
- Y12 Change of Preference 15-18/12

**Friday 19**
- Last day of school

**January 2015**
- Friday 30
  - Y7 & Y12 students commence

**February 2015**
- Monday 2
  - Y8-Y11 students commence

- Tuesday 3
  - Y11 Biology excursion to GTAC

- Wednesday 4
  - Y7 Camp Rumbur 4/2-6/2

- Monday 9
  - Y7 Parent Information Night
  - Senior Boys & Girls Cricket R/R

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**FRENCH NEWS**

We are pleased to inform the school community that our Study Tour to France in March-April 2016 will be going ahead. Students studying the French language at the school in either Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 levels by 2016 will be eligible to participate in this study tour. There are still a few places available. If any more students are interested, please contact Mrs Bibi Peerbux at peerbux.sehenaze.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for supporting your son/daughter in their language learning journey.

Mrs Bibi Peerbux

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**School Trip to France January 2016**

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www.mcsc.vic.edu.au
AWARD NIGHT

Mordialloc Award Night at the Kingston City Hall is fast approaching on Wednesday 10th December. At this stage, all students who have been invited should have received a letter via the post to inform them of the details. Guest tickets are currently available for purchase to attend the night from the general office.

In preparation for the night, there will be a rehearsal for all award recipients at the Kingston City Hall between 9.00am-1.30pm on the actual day itself. Students may wear free dress to the rehearsal and are expected to return the permission slip for this rehearsal to their coordinator as soon as possible. However, for the event students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Well done to all invited!

Matina Karamanis and Benita Hughes
Award Night Coordinators

Award Night Photographs

There will be an opportunity for Year 12 Graduation photos. Photos of presentations will be taken throughout the ceremony.

INVITATION

An invitation for Year 7 parents and carers to join us in some Christmas Cheer……..

The Mordialloc College Wellbeing Team invites you to:
- Come and celebrate surviving the first year of secondary college.
- Meet Meala from Kingston Youth Services to hear how they are supporting the wellbeing of our students.
- Celebrate the school year end for 2014.

When: Thursday 11 December 2014
Time: 2-3 pm
Where: The Hub

Light refreshments will be available
RSVP: 9580 1184 or email mordialloc.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Di Douglas
Andrew Austin
Jenny Muir

Mordialloc College Wellbeing Team
Award Night Photographs

There will be an opportunity for Year 12 Graduation photos. Photos of presentations will be taken throughout the ceremony.

Photographs can be viewed and ordered on our website when available. Customers can use the direct link below to register for an email message as to when the images go live.


Password = MORCO

2015 Booklists are now available on the Campion Website:
www.campion.com.au

All students have been provided with a 2015 booklist at school but you can also print a copy from the website. You may return your list to school by Friday 12 December or submit your order online at www.campion.com.au using 78EM as your code.

Dobson’s Uniform Shop

Mordialloc College Uniform Shop

in the School Hall Foyer

NORMAL TRADING HOURS

Monday 8.30 am – 11.30 am
Wednesday 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm

We highly recommend 2015 Year 7 students to book a personal fitting appointment to purchase their school uniform. Outside of trading hours at a mutually convenient time, an exclusive fitting with no queues.

Please contact Melanie at the Uniform Shop on 9587 0738 during opening hours or email mail@dobson.com.au

2015 Year 7 Exclusive Appointment Dates

Saturday 25/11/2014 9.00 am – 12.00 pm Please call 9587 0738
Saturday 6/12/2014 9.00 am – 12.00 pm to make an appointment

Extended Trading Hours

December 2014 - February 2015 in addition to normal trading hours

DECEMBER 2014

Monday 8/12/2014 8.30 am – 11.30 am
Tuesday 9/12/2014 8.30 am – 11.30 am ORIENTATION DAY
Wednesday 10/12/2014 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm
Saturday 13/12/2014 9.00 am – 12.00 noon LAST TRADING DAY

JANUARY 2015

Tuesday 20/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 21/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Thursday 22/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 23/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Monday 26/01/2015 AUSTRALIAN DAY HOLIDAY - CLOSED
Tuesday 27/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 28/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Thursday 29/01/2015 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Friday 30/01/2015 8.00 am – 11.30 am Yr 7 & 12 commence

Monday 2/02/2015 8.00 am – 11.50 am All students attend

As of Wednesday 4/2/2015 Uniform Shop hours will resume to normal.
Burglary

Almost 29,000 cases of residential burglary were reported to police in the 2013/2014 financial year. The most alarming aspect of these reports is that in nearly half the cases there were no signs of forced entry.

We know that most burglaries are opportunistic and occur during the day when most residents are not home. This is particularly relevant as we plan to take a vacation and leave our homes unoccupied for an extended period.

To avoid being a victim yourself, there are some very simple steps you can take:

- Install good quality locks on doors and windows.
- Lock all windows and doors, even when you are at home.
- Make sure your house appears occupied at all times.
- Ask your neighbour to bring in your mail if absent.

Please report suspicious activity to police via 000.

Further information and advice sheets can be accessed on the Victoria Police website www.police.vic.gov.au