Year 7 iPad Program

The first day of 2014 not only saw the debut of a young and vibrant cohort of Year 7 students, but also the launch of Mordialloc College’s iPad program. Students have already shown great enthusiasm and initiative in the early stages, displaying the amazing creative and organisational potential of the devices and the program. Students are able to use their iPads not only for accessing rich content from eBooks, dynamic apps and the vast resources of the internet, but are able to organise their work, track their learning, connect in new ways and explore their own creative potential. Students and parents are encouraged to contact the College or myself with any feedback and questions that may arise as this exciting opportunity takes shape.

Google Apps

All students across Years 7-12 have their own College Google Apps account. Google Apps is a suite of online services (Docs, Calendars, Mail, etc.) that allows students and parents to access resources, information, submit work, receive feedback and communicate any time, anywhere. Students can easily complete tasks at school, save them into their Google Drive and then access them at home, making the process of bringing the necessary work home each night much easier. We also encourage students to utilise the various features of Google Apps to help organise and manage the demands of their various subjects, enabling them to communicate with their teachers more fluidly and stay up to date with all required work.

E-Library

With the increase of personal digital devices and students working more in virtual spaces, we have launched our own eLibrary where students can borrow, read and enjoy over 100 titles, and which is constantly being added to. Students can access our eLibrary anytime, anywhere at http://mc.wheelers.co and login in using their Google Apps credentials. Students can then download and read eBooks on their iPads (via Overdrive App), laptops (using Adobe Digital Editions) or through their web browser.

Mr Joshua Flood
Director of eLearning

Book Fair

Monday 3 March - Thursday 7 March

Parents are welcome to drop into the Hub between 8am and 4pm (2.30pm on Tuesday). There will be books for all ages – from pre-reading to adolescent fiction – and a wide range of stationery items.
It was a bright and early Monday morning. All of the Year 7s arrived at school with heavy luggage and excitement in their eyes.

Although we were all dreading the 2hr bus trip! There was some sickness and loud noises. We were all relieved to finally reach our destination at Camp Rumbbug!

The staff welcomed us with open arms and made us feel at home. The meals that we shared were delicious and almost as good as Mum’s cooking!!

On the first day of camp we had a roast for dinner, the meal was steaming from the plate and the gravy soaked the vegetables. For dessert, we had fresh fruit and ice cream and we all licked our lips in delight! For breakfast, the chefs provided crunchy cornflakes, bacon and eggs, and PANCAKES with golden syrup!

Over the 3 days we did over 8 activities at Camp Rumbbug. A lot of them were cold, wet and muddy. Some of the best activities were the Adventure Bridge, Canoeing, Drawbridge Course, the Fun and Fitness Course and the Giant Swing. The Adventure Bridge and Drawbridge Course were very alike to each other; in both you could look down and you were over muddy water; any sudden movements could mean death by mud. Canoeing was just as fantastic. People would splash each other, dive into the water and capsize their boats. The Fun and Fitness course exhausted and tired everyone out. We were all tethered together into threes and had to run along a course with swinging logs, clay hills of doom and a giant, soggy mud pit. The Giant Swing let us swing like Tarzan when we were pulled up 14m high and dropped to what felt like our death. Luckily, the teachers got to taste their own medicine and also had to do the Giant Swing!

The cabins... Now these rectangular cabins were made of brick, had a nice, green wooden door, large windows placed at the top of the cabin, the nice yet very squeaky beds, and the nice carpeted floor. Most of these cabins had some sort of a shelf, a bin for items, and a list with our cabin number and the people who are in it. A long corridor led to all of these cabins, although people moved cabins and the fact that we didn’t spend much time in them, most of us had a fun time in their cabins. Some nights would be cold because someone forgot to shut the window, sometimes someone would annoy the other cabin mates, and sometimes it was a nice cosy night. Until the bed squeaked, but we would have all gone to bed by then. We also spent a little bit of time in our cabins at free-time, just playing games and talking. In total the camp Rumbbug cabins were very nice.

Overall, we had a great time at Year 7 camp. It was awesome to get to know everyone in our year level, seeing as we will be working so closely together this year. Thanks to all the teachers for organising the camp for us – it was so much fun!

Jack Norrie, Samson Melatua & Katelyn Murphy
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### Important Dates

**February 2014**
- Friday 28/2
  - House SWIMMING SPORTS all day

**March 2014**
- Monday 3/3
  - Whole School Leadership Induction Assembly
  - Y10 Advance Hike
  - VCAL Survivor Camp
  - Y10 Creative Writing to Melbourne Now
- Wednesday 5/3
  - Y7 Mordialloc Creek Field Work
- Thursday 6/3
  - VCE Physics to Luna Park
- Friday 7/3
  - Kingston Swimming Sports all day
- Wednesday 12/3
  - Y9 French Film excursion
- Thursday 13/3
  - Senior Round Robin
- Friday 14/3
  - Y10-12 French Film excursion
- Monday 17/3
  - Intermediate Round Robin
- Tuesday 18/3
  - Y8 French Film excursion
- Wednesday 19/3 - Friday 21/3
  - Y9 Advance Surf Camp
- Friday 21/3
  - Cultural Diversity Day and Year 7 World Expo
- Tuesday 25/3
  - Y11 Biology excursion
- Thursday 27/3
  - Y11/12 Technology Top Designs excursion
- Friday 28/3
  - Y7 Melbourne Museum excursion

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### House Swimming Tomorrow

**Friday 28th February**

All students to participate - wear PE uniform or house colours!!

Remember: Bring permission form, bathers, broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, lunch, snacks and drinks.

**Parents & Carers Marquee**

An open invitation to parents & carers of the Mordialloc College community to join us at the House Swimming Sports from 10.00 am onwards. Refreshments provided

Carnegie Swim Centre
Moira Avenue
Carnegie

Contact Mrs Diane Douglas 9580 1184

ALL STUDENTS MUST TRAVEL TO SWIMMING ON COLLEGE BUSES
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln said “The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Help determine the future resilience, diversity and global awareness of your children and family.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2014 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
TERM 1

BELLY DANCING
TUESDAY 7:30 – 8:30pm
Belly Dancing for beginners is a low impact, gentle workout that increases flexibility, tones your body and boosts your confidence. Why not try something different. It’s also a lot of fun.

TAI CHI
MONDAY 1:15 – 2:15 pm
Tai Chi is famous for its health benefits. Students can soon experience better balance, co-ordination, flexibility, agility, increased strength, alertness and calmness. Tai Chi is gentle, peaceful and non-competitive. Suitable for all ages.

For further information or bookings, please phone the office on 9587 4534.

Chelsea Basketball Winter Season
Commences April 28th 2014
Juniors U8s, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and seniors

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