Principal’s Update

Dear Families and Community Members,

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving Victorian and select New South Wales and South Australian border school students in realising their full potential. The program provides access to events, activities and resources to give students a head start into university.

Congratulations to Gabrielle Howes a current Year 10 student who was successful in achieving one of the Melbourne University scholarships into this program which will run for the duration of Gabrielle’s VCE studies at Mordialloc College. There were 1900 applications received so a fantastic achievement for Gabrielle!!

Grade 5 Immersion Visits

Mordialloc College is committed to ensuring that all students are welcomed to the College through an informative, yet nurturing and supportive transition program. As part of our transition initiatives this year we have offered our local feeder primary schools an opportunity for Grade 5 students to experience life at secondary school through a morning immersion program. The program allows students to participate in a range of hands on activities across the College e.g. Food technology, Design technology, Art, Drama and Science.

The past few weeks students from Mordialloc Beach, Chelsea PS, Edithvale PS, Chelsea Heights PS, Aspendale PS, Mentone PS and Aspendale Gardens PS have spent a morning each participating in the program.

We understand the process of moving to secondary school can be a very daunting one for young students, which is why our College is seeking to maximise the number of opportunities available to our local primary schools to come and visit our college.

Thanks to Director of Middle School, Mr George Tzimourtas for organising the visits and all of the teachers and Year 7 students involved in delivering the program of activities.

Award Night

As we move towards the end of this school year, preparations for one of the key events on the College calendar are underway. Mordialloc College is holding its Award Night at the City of Kingston Town Hall, Nepean Highway, Moorabbin on Wednesday, 10th December. Every year we come together as a College community to celebrate student successes in a variety of areas such as Academic Excellence, the Arts, Technology, Sport and Community involvement. Not only are awards given on this evening but high quality entertainment is provided by students in the areas of Music and Dance. It will also be a significant event for our Year 12 cohort as we celebrate the achievements of the graduating class for

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2014 by presenting all students on stage in academic gowns. Students will be presented with a graduation certificate on stage in front of the rest of the College community. Subject awards for Year 12 and a number of special awards will also be presented.

We understand that this is a busy time for parents but we also know that you understand the importance of coming together as a group to acknowledge all the wonderful achievements that your children have made throughout the year. Memories of school include both every day activities and friendships, as well as grand events such as Award Nights. I look forward to a high attendance from our community in support of this very special event.

Alumni

As Mordialloc College celebrates its 90th year, it is most significant and timely that 2014 also sees the formal establishment of the Mordialloc College Alumni Association (MCAA). It is my pleasure to welcome and endorse the work of the association in recognition of all past, current and future students, staff and parents who have or will walk through these doors.

Mordialloc College is a highly regarded, leading education provider in the region and having a viable alumni association will continue to raise the school’s profile. The association will provide wonderful opportunities for old friends and acquaintances to reconnect, reminisce and be involved with special events and programs at the College. Involvement with the association also has the potential to further the educational, social and professional needs of past and current students.

The Alumni have already offered to sponsor one of our awards at Awards night, which sees the introduction of a new award for a Year 12 student who has shown the most interest in Local and/or School History. This will be $100 cash prize. They are also making a most generous donation of $500 to be utilised by the wellbeing team at the College to assist families in need.

Ms. Michelle Roberts 
Principal

Important Dates

November 2014

- Y11 into Y12 Headstart continues to 28/11
- World Challenge Expedition 20/11-20/12
- Y9 SEAL PE Ice Skating

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

December 2014

Monday 1
- Y9 Zoo Snooze 1-2
- Finance Meeting

Thursday 4
- School Council
- Y8 Bounce excursion

Friday 5
- Y10 Last official school day

Tuesday 9
- Grade 7 Orientation Day
- Y7 into Y8 Orientation Day
- Y8 into Y9 Orientation Day

Wednesday 10
- Award Night - students dismissed at 1.30pm

Monday 15
- Y12 Change of Preference 15-19/12
AWARD NIGHT

Mordialloc Award Night at the Kingston City Hall is fast approaching on Wednesday 10th December. All students who have been invited will receive 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 to their coordinator as soon as they receive it. However, for the actual event students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Matina Karamanis and Benita Hughes
Award Night Coordinators.

Homestay families required!!

As part of our International Student Program we are responsible for sourcing quality Homestay providers for our International students.

This is a great opportunity to develop an understanding of different cultures and contribute towards a positive experience for our international students. Having your own child attending the school is a great benefit for the experience of the international students. We are currently requiring a Homestay family living in the local area who could host an International student.

If you are interested in becoming a Homestay family please contact me on 9580 1184 to discuss further.

Mrs Diane Douglas,
Director Student Wellbeing
International Student Coordinator

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.
Student scholarships administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

Closing Date for Applications is 30 January 2015

Secondary School Scholarships

- Students in Years 4–12 are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the Department.
- The scholarships open on Monday 17 November 2014 and range in value from $300 to $2400.
- Applicants will be required to submit their 2014 end-of-year results, which must be verified by their principals.
- Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criterion. Students on Youth Allowance, or whose parents/guardians hold a Health Care Card, a Low Income Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card, meet this criterion.

Applications open on 17 November 2014.

Students must lodge online applications by 30 January 2015.

Principals must verify students’ 2014 end-of-year results by 27 February 2015.

Follow this link for more information

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