Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

NEW Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

As reported to all families last week through the newsletter and direct email, the Victorian government has announced $148.3 million over four years for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card will be eligible to apply. A special consideration category will also exist. Application forms were emailed out last week. However, if you haven’t received this, please contact the general office or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Completed application forms along with a copy of your concession card need to be submitted to the school by June 26 2015. Once processed a payment of $225 for secondary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.

Homework Guidelines

The College believes that to promote student engagement with their learning, some homework should be set and done regularly under the coordination of the teacher. The work completed at home by a student is a vital and necessary extension of the class lessons to enable them to consolidate and reinforce the work covered during the day. This is best done some hours after the lesson and when the student is alone. Students’ work at home is divided into two categories:

HOME STUDY: students should independently follow up on class work to ensure that work is understood and relevant facts are committed to memory as a foundation for future learning, and

HOMEWORK: which is a task set by the teacher or the completion of work not finished in class.

Home study should be done each night. Consistent study through the year is essential for success in the senior years and the habit of home study must be set in the middle school years. The student planner (diary) is an important tool for students to plan their work commitments and for parents as a means of communication between teacher and parents.

Time spent in home study will vary with individuals and the following amounts of time are a guide to the time the student should spend on home study and homework most nights of the week.

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If parents are worried about too much homework or lack of it they should contact the relevant Home Group Teacher in Year 7 or 8 and the Year Level Coordinator in Years 9-12.
Home study provides further opportunities for parents to participate in their child’s education by:

1. Providing suitable conditions for study. Students need a quiet place, with adequate equipment (table, chair) and lighting.

2. Taking an active interest in the work set. Check the student planner (helping your children to use it systematically to record tasks to be done). Use the student planner as a means of communication between you and individual teachers.

3. Taking note of due dates (put them on your household calendar too) and see that the work is actually done.

4. Getting to know your children’s work habits. Pace of work varies from person to person. Some students work better in the morning, others at night. Make allowances for these individual preferences.

5. Helping your children to find a suitable balance between the time spent on school work, sport, entertainment, part-time job, household chores and other activities.

6. Encouraging your household to work co-operatively. Parents and students need to realise each other’s needs and to work together to achieve family ambitions and goals.

7. Students should be aware of the world around them so they should be encouraged to read widely, including the daily newspapers.

**Music Camp**

Last week twenty of our music students ventured off to Daylesford with music teachers Nigel Maas and Demis Danoudis to participate in our annual music camp with Glen Eira College, Cheltenham SC and McKinnon SC.

Students from the vocal group, concert band and guitar group had the opportunity to rehearse for three days in preparation for the final concert on Thursday night at Glen Eira College. I congratulate our students for their exemplary behaviour while on camp and for achieving their personal best in the final performance concert. Thanks to Nigel and Demis for their ongoing support of our music students.

**Parent Email - Feedback on Music Exchange Camp**

“Just a quick note to say what a remarkable event the Music Exchange Camp was. Our son was initially reluctant to attend because he knew very few people going, has limited musical experience and it was going to involve hours of practice each day versus his ten minute maximum (which was rather daunting to him to say the least). He returned full of enthusiasm, proud that he had actually played in a band and showed a newfound confidence in his playing ability.

As parents we were impressed by the quality of the end-of-camp concert, were most pleased to find the social experience managed so well considering the involvement of different schools and were delighted to hear that it was actually Mordialloc College that had been instrumental in initiating the first camp with other schools.”

**ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards**

Teachers make a vital contribution to the lives of young people and help shape the future of our country. Yet there are few opportunities to recognise and acknowledge their outstanding commitment to the community. Nominations are now open for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Nominations can be made by teachers, parents or students online at [www.asg.com.au/nominate](http://www.asg.com.au/nominate) and close on July 31st.

**English Week**

During Term 2 and 3 each Learning Area will stage a celebration week to include a range of activities for all to get involved in at lunchtime and a daily quiz. Thanks to Learning Area Leader, Joanne Greenhalgh and all of the English team for organising a range of activities last week to celebrate English week.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal
Important Dates

May 2015
Thursday 28
- Y7-10 Berthe Mouchette Poetry Competition
- Y10 Peer Support
- VCAL: Cilantro Restaurant Review

June 2015
Monday 1
- Y10 & 11 Exams 1-5
Thursday 4
- Y11 VCAL: The Big Issue Classroom
Friday 5
- Y12 Practice Exams 5-11
Monday 8
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 9
- Y10 Work Experience 9-12
Wednesday 10
- GAT
Friday 12
- STUDENT FREE DAY - Report Writing Day

July 2015
Monday 13
- First day Term 3
Wednesday 15
- Y12 VCE Drama - Student Exam Day
Thursday 16
- VSSSA State Cross Country

Mordialloc College
VCE AND VCAL
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY 18 JUNE

Find out all you need to know about the Senior School programs available at Mordialloc College:
- Learn the program structures and policies of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
- Speak with teachers about the subjects available
- Enjoy interactive and informative subject stalls
- Visit the Career Expo in the Hub

Formal presentations in the Learning Centre:
Year 10 - 7.00pm (compulsory)
Year 9 - 6.00pm (students interested in studying a VCE subject in 2016)
Year 9 SEAL - 6.30pm (in the Glasshouse; compulsory)

For more information contact Shelley Muir, Director of Senior School on 9580 1184 or email muir.shelley.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

College Values - Student Pledge

“As students of Mordialloc College, we are determined to achieve our personal best, not only academically, but in sports, the arts and in the wider community. We will constantly strive to be the best we can be. We will endeavour to take responsibility for our actions, owning up to mistakes and helping others out when in need. We will be respectful towards all teachers and students, and we will be true to ourselves by being honest and trustworthy.”
Mordialloc College & Parkdale SC

Careers Expo
Thursday 18th June 2015
6-8 pm
All Year 9 – 12 students & their families welcome

Exhibitors & Presenters

- ACU University
- Deakin University
- Chisholm
- Holmesglen
- Monash University
- RMIT
- Swinburne University
- Victoria University
- La Trobe
- TAFE’s
- Training organisations
- Trade / Industry Groups
- Apprenticeship Centres
- Australian Defence Force
- Community Services

Do you want to...

Choose the right subject & courses?

Discover new career options...

Find out from the experts about:

- Entry requirements for courses & careers
- Advice on school subject selection, grades and successful applications
- VCE, VCAL and VETIS options
- What makes their organisation unique?
- Training and pathway options
- Apprenticeship options

...Discover your future

Venue

Mordialloc College
1 Station Street
Mordialloc, VIC 3195

Enquiries
Email: jamieson.jane.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 8587 0546 or 9580 1184
Assistance is available for eligible families. Application forms have been emailed to all Mordialloc College families last week and are also available at the College Office. Please complete and return the application form as soon as possible before 26 June 2015, together with a copy of your concession card. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The 2015 Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open. Students have until mid September to read 15 books and need to pick up a consent form from the Hub so that they can be registered.
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th Century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes.” Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. They will attend a local High School, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@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.

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
Please note the Uniform Shop is not open during the school holidays.

You can find Mordialloc College on Facebook by typing Mordialloc College into the search bar, then clicking ‘Like’. If you like us you will receive information about upcoming news and events within your newsfeed - just another way we are improving digital communication within our College community. For more information contact Mrs Lisa Ip.