Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

**Antivirus and Security Software Reminder**
All students bringing their own device to school under the College’s Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy are reminded they MUST be running up-to-date antivirus and security software. It is essential to the safe operation of the entire College network that students update their security definitions regularly and not uninstall the software at any stage. Any device found without the appropriate level of protection will be disconnected from the network.

Students in the BYOD program (Year 10-12) can access FREE software (for Mac and PC) through the eduSTAR catalogue. To do so, they need to bring their device and signed Acceptable Use Agreement to the IT department.


Mac users MUST install the software provided on the eduSTAR catalogue, or source their own.

**Compass Portal**
All parents/families are reminded that they have a Compass account separate from their student’s. This allows parents to view their student’s attendance (live and past), access and print excursion forms and, most importantly, access student’s Interim and Semester Reports. As Compass is also used as a means of communication between parents, students and teachers, it is particularly important that parents update their contact details in Compass to ensure they receive all communications. Usernames and passwords were sent out to new families earlier in the year, but can be reset or re-advised by contacting the general office.


**Google Apps and Appropriate Use**
Parents and students are reminded that all College students are provided with a Google Apps for Education account. This provides them with:
- 30GB of online storage
- An email account
- Access to the College’s internal curriculum sites
- Google Drive
- Access to Google Classroom
- The ability to create, share and submit work online

Parents, and students in particular, are reminded that...
Important Dates

June 2015

Thursday 18
- Career Expo
- Senior School Information Night 6.00-8.30pm
- School Council 5.00 pm

Friday 19
- Y8 Round Robin
- Y10 Experience Holmesglen Day

Monday 22
- Tracky Dack Day
- Y7 A,B,D & E Museum excursion

Tuesday 23
- Y7 Round Robin
- VCE/VCAL Work Experience (to 26/6)

Thursday 25
- Y7C & 7F Museum excursion

Friday 26
- Last day of Term 2
- Senior Formal

July 2015

Monday 13
- First day Term 3

Tuesday 14
- Y10 Peer Support

Wednesday 15
- Y12 VCE Drama - Student Exam Day
- Y12 Elevate Seminar: Finishing Line

Thursday 16
- VSSSA State Cross Country

Monday 20
- Y11 into Y12 Course Counselling

Tuesday 21
- VCE/VCAL Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 22
- VCE PE - Enrichment Program

Thursday 23
- Y9 Dare2b Youth Conference & Workshops

Monday 27
- Y11 into Y12 Course Counselling

Tuesday 28
- Y10 Advance Ski Trip (to 31/7)
- VTAC Parent & Student Information Session

Friday 31
- Y10 into Y11 Course Counselling

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these services are College managed and should only be used to support student learning. Students are expected to use these services in accordance with the College’s Acceptable Use Agreement. Emails that use inappropriate language are automatically blocked by filters and may be reviewed to ensure that students always uphold the College’s values of integrity, respect and responsibility.

Regular Privacy Reviews

As part of their ongoing open conversation about e-safety and responsible use of technology, parents and students are encouraged to undertake regular privacy reviews or check-ups to help stay safe and empowered online.

Some activities parents and students may undertake together are:

- Reviewing and changing passwords. Ideally, this should be done four times a year, but twice is generally sufficient. Ensuring you use strong passwords can help protect accounts from malicious attacks. You can test the strength of your passwords here: https://www.microsoft.com/security/pc-security/password-checker.aspx
- Using strong passwords at least 8 characters long (the longer the better), a mixture of numbers, symbols and letters (both upper and lower case)
- Reviewing privacy settings. Check all social media accounts, apps and sites, as their terms and conditions can change quite regularly.
- Researching Your Digital footprint. While it may be slightly narcissistic, researching your name or information online can be an interesting way of discovering what information about you is public and allow you to maintain your privacy.
- Managing online relationships. This is the process of reviewing the relationships you have online, especially official ‘friends’ on social media sites such as Facebook. Review with whom you are friends, the level of access you have granted them and whether they are still an important link. As offline relationships change, online relationships often need to be altered.

Joshua Flood
Director of eLearning

Monday 22 June

Wear your comfiest trackies! (the rest of your outfit can be free dress)
Gold coin donation will be collected P1.
Proceeds go to TLC for kids Foundation and The Salvation Army
The Happiest Refugee

The Happiest Refugee is the memoir of well-known comedian Anh Do. It’s the story of Ahn’s journey by sea from Vietnam and his account of growing up in Australia. Anh’s story appeals to all ages including our Year 9’s who are studying the text this year. Many know Anh’s story but there are many other personal refugee narratives which are equally tragic yet inspiring and full of hope.

This week is Refugee Week (14th -20th June) - a time when we can appreciate the contribution that refugees and immigrants make to our nation in the areas of social development, cultural diversity and who connect us to other parts of the world.

At this time we can remember the fifty million refugees who still remain displaced and the 3500 asylum seekers who remain in detention centres in Australia, Nauru and Manus Island which sadly include 227 children.

This week we can take the time to reflect on how we can make a difference to who are given residency in Australia each year, some of whom live in our community and attend Mordialloc College. We can encourage our children to be welcoming and supportive of these students and new neighbours and appreciate what Australia has to offer: free public health care, a welfare system, equal opportunity but most importantly friendship and a sense of belonging.

Lana Paten
Chaplain

Mordialloc College invites parents & carers to a free presentation:

Navigating Adolescence

Adrian McMaster is a local psychologist who has many years of experience working with adolescents and families. Join us for Adrian’s presentation as he shares his knowledge about what parenting strategies are helpful during your child’s adolescence and some of the behaviour that makes life harder at home.

Adrian speaks to parents honestly and candidly about how to relate to their children in a proactive way. Adrian’s session is sure to provide you with useful tools to assist you in supporting your child from childhood to adulthood. Adrian has dedicated some time at the end of the presentation for questions.

When: Wednesday 22 July
Time: 6.30 – 8pm
Where: Y7 Learning Centre

For all enquiries and RSVP: contact Wellbeing – 9584 1184
or email douglas.diane.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
or paten.lana.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
School Holiday Period, Police Increase Of Patrols In Areas With High Public Attendance

Victoria Police wish each and every student all the best with their study and exams this year. As the school holidays approach with the anticipation of a well-deserved break, I would urge students that for any activity planned, to consider how it may affect you or others.

Your safety and well-being is most important. Have a good time with friends but be mindful that certain actions can leave a lasting legacy. Secure your personal property (mobile phones, wallets, purses and lap tops) and remind your parents not to leave valuables in their vehicles. You do not need the hassle in notifying people and replacing your personal identification cards. Do not be influenced by others into stealing or drug use. A criminal conviction can affect your chances for future overseas travel and employment. Think before you act.

It is well documented that shopping centres such as Westfield Southland attract a large number of youths, during the holiday period for various reasons. The location has a number of appealing factors for example the Kingston Youth Centre, Village Cinemas and of course the shopping.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise students to be vigilant over the holiday break, having regard for your own safety, your property and belongings. Please ensure that you do not leave your bags unattended as this may assist a thief.

Be aware that Victoria Police target areas where there is an increase of public attendances over the school holiday period by increasing police patrols. We understand that at times young people find themselves in situations which may end in poor decision making and ask that you consider the consequences of your actions. Avoid poor decision making by removing yourself from harm or from situations which may result in police involvement.

Victoria Police would like to ensure students and schools alike, return to the start of the new term happy and refreshed.

Inspector Bernie Edwards
Moorabbin Police Headquarters
Low UV occurs in Victoria between May and August each year. At this time, most people need between two and three hours of midday winter sun exposure spread over a week to help with their vitamin D levels and sun protection is not required. Further information available at www.sunsmart.com.au

Out of the Shadows
Bernadette Jordan
“A perfect jewel can be revealed by shining light in the darkness”

17th July - 15 August 2015
G3 Artspace, Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkers Road, Parkdale

In a vibrant exhibition featuring flowers with a twist, local artist and Mordialloc College mum Bernadette Jordan makes a contemporary study of light through use of a torch in the dark. Bernadette undertakes a beautiful investigation on shape, form and colour, taking you on a journey through a colourful and exotic night garden.

Opening night 16th July, 6-8pm
RSVP/more info: www.bernadettejordanart.com
Exhibition being opened by Craig Harper, Motivational Speaker & Author

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 on these days during the school holidays.

The shop will be open on Sat 11th July
9am -12noon