Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

On Wednesday morning Premier Daniel Andrews and Member for Mordialloc, Tim Richardson, visited Mordialloc College. The Premier was very interested to hear about the progress with our building program and also my vision for the future development of the College as we continue to grow. As we toured the school and visited classrooms, he was genuinely interested in engaging with what was happening in the respective classrooms and to talk to students about what they were learning and how they demonstrate their learning in different ways. Our School Captains, Max, Natalie and Shae also joined us on the tour along with School Council President Nicky Hersey. The Premier was very impressed with the calm orderly environment, the positive feel of the College and our students’ high level of engagement in their learning.

Premier Daniel Andrews Visits Mordialloc College
School Production
Congratulations to all students (cast, musicians and crew) who were involved in this year’s school production, “Guys and Dolls”. I am sure everyone in our school community would agree with me that it was an outstanding show of the highest quality in all respects and showcased our wonderful talent pool at the College. Special thanks must go to our former school captain, Josh Mulcahy, who returned to the College again this year to direct the show. He couldn’t have done it though without the fantastic support of teachers Kelly McConville – Production Manager, Adelle Stevenson – Production Assistant, Demis Danoudis – Musical Director and Emily Court and Stuart McIntyre for Set Design.

Resilience Survey
In 2013, Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist and founder of the Resilience Institute, offered all schools in the Kingston Network access to an online survey which assesses the strengths and sense of belonging of our student cohort by year level and identifies any vulnerabilities that can be then addressed through targeted interventions in our wellbeing programs. The Resilience Institute, through its research across 22 countries, identifies 40 resilience assets that promote and protect young people as well as promoting wellbeing and resilient outcomes e.g. family support, achievement motivation, school engagement, positive view of the future. In 2014-2016 the City of Kingston is providing the same survey at no cost plus assistance with providing targeted interventions. We took this offer up last year and are entering our second year of the project with all students across Years 7-12 to complete this online survey on Resilience over the next two weeks. The survey is anonymous and data is collated by year level. Along with the student attitudes to school survey results this data will be most informative to help identify our future student wellbeing priorities.

August is Education Support Staff Recognition Month
Last Thursday we held a morning tea for all staff to formally thank our Education Support staff who work across the school in a variety of roles to support teachers, students and parents and thus are a vital part of our school community. The contribution they make is invaluable and without them the school would not run effectively!

School Visits
Last week I hosted a group of Assistant Principals from other Secondary Schools from across the state who were interested in hearing about the improvement journey over the last five years at Mordialloc College and to also tour the school to see our programs in action and speak to staff and students. They were most impressed and a number want to bring back some of their staff for another visit in the future.

This Friday morning I am hosting a tour of past students organised through our growing Alumni Association. They are looking forward to touring the school to reminisce in the old buildings still here and to also see the vast changes that have occurred in not only our facilities but also in classroom practice!! We will finish the tour with a morning tea.

Mordialloc Experience
Community Experience and City Weeks: Our Year 9 students in the MEX this term last week had the opportunity to complete a week of community placement in local organisations such as primary schools, kindergartens, op shops etc and we only received positive comments about students out in the community. They are now currently preparing to spend two weeks in the city completing their action research project and participating in a range of educational excursions e.g. visit to Old Melbourne Gaol, Parliament, Victoria Market, etc during week 8 and 9 of this term. Students will then be presenting the findings of their action research projects in the last week of term to parents, teachers and fellow students in the MEX expo being held at the College. Thanks to our MEX Coordinator, Daniel Williams for his work in organising this terrific program and providing such valuable opportunities for our students.

Subject Celebration Weeks
Two weeks ago we celebrated Science week and this week we are celebrating Numeracy week. Thanks to Learning Area Leaders, Matt Brooks and Bryony Lowe, and the respective members of the Science and Maths Learning Areas for organising a range of activities throughout both weeks for students and staff to participate in.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal
The second Australian Child and Adolescent survey of mental health and wellbeing report (Young Minds Matter) was published this month by the Department of Health. The report presents a comprehensive picture of the state of mental health (MH) issues of young Australians.

Overall, the prevalence of MH issues has remained stable since the previous survey (1998) with one in seven young people experiencing MH issues in the last year. More positive were the findings which showed a substantial increase in access to services by young people and families. Of those experiencing a mental health issue, nine out of ten young people accessed community and professional services.

The report is lengthy but what I found useful were some of the self reports by young people about behaviour and strategies which helped them manage their emotional and behavioural problems. These included, ‘positive things, such as doing more exercise, taking up a sport (38%), doing more activities they enjoyed (45%), seeking support from friends (24%) and improving their diet (23%)’ as well as seeking help early, through effective treatments and counselling.

If you would like to find out more about this survey and parenting tips, please see the link below.


### Important Dates

#### August 2015
- **Thursday 26**
  - Senior VCAL - Sydney Camp (to 29/8)
- **Friday 28**
  - Y11 Media Cinema excursion
  - Y8 SEAL - Sovereign Hill Ballarat
- **Sunday 30**
  - VCE French Exam Seminar - 8.45am
- **Monday 31**
  - Humanities Week

#### September 2015
- **Wednesday 2**
  - VCE Psychology - DAX Centre
- **Thursday 3**
  - Y10 Play in a Day SEDA
  - Kingston Athletics Carnival
- **Friday September 4**
  - Y8 TAASS Student excursion
  - Y11 Psychology - Attitudes Data Collection - p2&3
  - Crepe Day ‘L’ecole des Crepes’
- **Monday September 7**
  - Peer Support
- **Wednesday September 9**
  - Y12 Biology - GTAC
- **Thursday September 10**
  - Y7A, E & C - Melbourne Zoo
  - Y12 Physics - Synchrotron
  - Y12 Sleepover
  - Instrumental Music Showcase 6:30pm
- **Tuesday September 15**
  - Y7 - 12 Student Led Conference 2 - 6:30pm, students dismissed at 1:30pm
- **Thursday September 17**
  - Y7B, D & F - Melbourne Zoo
  - Y8 Medieval Day
  - MEX Expo 1-5:00pm
- **Friday September 18**
  - Mordi Idol
  - Last Day of Term 3 - students dismissed at 1:30pm

#### October 2015
- **Monday 5**
  - First Day of Term 4
- **Thursday 8**
  - VCE English Exam Lecture
- **Friday 9**
  - Y11 Literature - The Great Gatsby
Year 8 Market Day was held last Monday 17 August.

The level of competition was outstanding this year, and every group should be commended on their efforts and collaboration to produce eye-catching stalls to help promote their amazing products.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who made an effort to attend and vote for their favourite product.

Lauren McIvor
Year 8 Co-ordinator

Mordialloc College is a member of the Safe Schools’ Coalition. This means that we create an environment of inclusion and respect diversity. On 31 August, Mordialloc College will be hosting speakers from Youth-led Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) group Minus18 for Year 7 and 8 students during their assembly. These speakers will share their personal stories and talk about the difficulties and successes that LGBTQI youth face in today’s society. This event will coincide with our annual Wear It Purple Day, in which students and staff have the option to wear a purple ribbon or accessory in order to commemorate and acknowledge the LGBTQI community.

Any parents who would like to discuss this event are welcome to contact the Assistant Principal, Ms Jennifer Roep on 9580 1184.
Financial Assistance

Information for Parents

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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Closing Date

Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).


Assistance is available for eligible families. Application forms have been emailed to all Mordialloc College families. You can also download the form from our website: [www.mcsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.mcsc.vic.edu.au)

Please complete and return the application form as soon as possible as we can only accept applications until 11 September. Please include a copy of your health care card.
Filmmaking Summer School
Dancehouse, 150 Princes Street, Carlton North

Part of the public engagement program Screen Studies, the University of Melbourne

Tuesday 5 January – Sunday 24 January, 2016

Taught by Australia’s leading filmmakers
Filmmaking is an exciting, collaborative, creative pursuit and has never been more accessible or affordable. To make good films, however, we need to understand the essentials, using all the tools and personnel at our disposal.

We can look for information online but there’s nothing better than learning from leading, award-winning filmmakers, including screenwriter Mac Gudgeon (Last Ride, The Secret River), director Nadia Tass (Malcolm, The Big Steal, Amy), cinematographer John Brawley (Offspring, Puberty Blues), sound designer Craig Carter (William Shakespeare’s Romeo + Juliet, Rabbit-Proof Fence, Cut Snake), composer Cezary Skubiszewski (Red Dog, The Sapphires), production designer Jo Ford (The Rover, Gallipoli) and visual effects producer Scott Zero (The Doctor Blake Mysteries, Glitch), among others.

As Filmmaking Summer School instructors, they deliver a lifetime’s knowledge and insight into filmmaking and the film industry. Learn all aspects of practical film production in this intensive summer school. Areas covered are screenwriting, acting and directing, cinematography (four days), production and sound design, editing, digital effects, film music, documentary filmmaking (two days) and the revolutionary two-day course in low-budget/no-budget filmmaking.

Fully structured courses are available, or you can choose your own sessions.

The summer school is open to people of all ages with little or no filmmaking experience, practising filmmakers wanting to upskill or change career direction, actors, media teachers and students, production companies wishing to train staff, photographers wanting to move to the moving image, and anyone wanting to understand and learn all the steps involved in great filmmaking.

For course information, prices, online enrolment and bookings, go to www.summerfilmschool.com.
Visit Facebook for photos and more information.

For enquiries and bookings, call 03 9347 5035 or 0402 359 047, or email summerfilmschool@me.com.

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Topics covered include:
Skin Care routine
Complexion concerns
Make-up selection for:
every day, work day or special day

Come and join us for this FREE session
WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
10.00am – 12.00noon

For further information or to make a booking, please phone:
Mordialloc Neighbourhood House: 9587 4534
Uniforms

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.

REMINDER
Get in early to purchase summer uniforms in time for Term 4 to avoid long queues at the start of next term.

Mordialloc College has once again registered for Woolworths Earn & Learn.
Please deposit your stickers in the box provided at Woolworths Mordialloc or take them to the Hub.
Thank you.

SUN SMART
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

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