Dear Families and Community Members,

**Year 7 2015**
Endorsing the College’s growing reputation as one of the leading education providers in the area is the huge increase in our Year 7 enrolments for next year (from 100 this year to 150 in 2015) and due to demand, we will have two SEAL classes in Year 7 for 2015. The College is expected to grow significantly in the next few years.

**Facility Development**
Our plans for the development of a Performing Arts Centre with the $1.337 million allocated in this year’s state budget have been approved by the region and we are just waiting for sign off by the Department before we begin the important planning and detailed drawings stage with the architects. I will keep you informed throughout the duration of this exciting project.

**1:1 BYOD and Netbook program Information night**
A letter has been given out to all current year 9, 10 and 11 students about the compulsory 1:1 BYOD and netbook information night on Tuesday 18 November, to learn more about the program and the user agreement. The College is moving towards a BYOD environment across the whole school with Year 7 and 8’s bringing their own iPads in 2015 (Year 9, 2016) and students in the Senior School encouraged to bring in their own device whether laptop, netbook or tablet. If a student is unable to bring their own device they will be required to participate in the 1:1 netbook program that has been running for the past three years.

**Senior School Exams and Head Start program**
We are into the second week of Year 12 exams and all is running smoothly. Thanks must go to Shelley Muir, Kevin Osborne and Justin Wischusen for ensuring the efficient organisation of the exam weeks. This week Year 11 started their exams and the Year 10 exams are scheduled to start on the 17 November.

After the Year 11 exam week, the Year 11’s begin the Year 12 Headstart program. This is a three week program where students have the opportunity to begin their Year 12 studies for 2015 and they will also be set homework to complete over the holiday break. We have the Year 10 into 11 Headstart program beginning on the 24 November and this will run for two weeks. It is expected that all students returning to Mordialloc in 2015 attend these very important preparation/headstart weeks. There will be holiday homework set and work expected to be submitted in the first week back next year.

**EMA**
From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. Only schools with a Student Family Occupation index above 0.5130 will be distributed the funding. Mordialloc College’s Student Family Occupation is 0.5078, so unfortunately we will not be receiving any extra funding to support lower income families. We will be writing to all families impacted in the next week.

**Principal’s Update**

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**Ms. Michelle Roberts**
Principal
2015 ELECTIVES
YEARS 11 & 12

The College Year 11 into Year 12 Headstart program begins next Monday 9 November, and the Year 10 into 11 Headstart program begins 30 November.

As advised previously certain high cost electives carry an additional materials charge.

Payment was requested on acceptance of your child’s subjects for next year.

It is compulsory that these elective charges are paid for your child to be able to participate in their chosen/allocated subjects. Please ensure payment is made prior to the commencement of Headstart.

If you did not pay at the time of acceptance of your subjects for 2015 – please pay now for your child to remain in these subjects.

Design Technology $50.00  
Food Technology $50.00  
Media Studies $50.00  
Studio Art $50.00

If payment is not received prior to Headstart, your child will be offered an alternative subject.

Yvonne Aird, Business Manager

Mordialloc College staff and students share and proudly demonstrate our agreed values of:

Personal Best  
Integrity  
Respect  
Responsibility

Important Dates

November 2014

Thursday 6  
- Y11 Exams continue to 7/11  
- School Council

Friday 7  
- Y7 SEAL Kryal Castle  
- Y10 Health Go Karting

Monday 10  
- Y11 into Y12 Headstart 10-28  
- Y9 Community Placements 10-14

Wednesday 12  
- Y9 Advance Surf Camp 12-14

Monday 17  
- Y10 Exams  
- Middle School Assembly

Tuesday 18  
- MEX Information Evening 6.30pm  
- Senior School BYOD Information Evening 7-8pm

Thursday 20  
- World Challenge Expedition 20/11-20/12

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  
- MEX City Week  
- Y9 Zoo Snooze - depart 4.30pm for overnight stay  
- Y10 into Y11 Headstart continues

Thursday 4  
- School Council

Friday 5  
- Last official day for Y10

Tuesday 9  
- Grade 6 Orientation Day  
- Y7 into Y8 Orientation Day  
- Y8 into Y9 Orientation Day

Wednesday 10  
- Award Night
On the weekend of 24-25th October, I had the opportunity to attend a French Immersion Camp at Portsea. This was an initiative organised by the Department of Education and the Alliance Française. I was fortunate to have received this wonderful prospect.

After arriving and settling in on the Friday evening, we headed down to the beach and played some cricket. We then played some icebreakers which in French, we say ‘brise-glace’. The ‘brise-glace’ included activities such as the ‘human bingo’ (le bingo humain) and the battle-ship (Les pirates attaquent). Each day after breakfast, the workshops started; we did a variety of activities such as creating plays and comics. The workshops were really fun and helpful in helping to improve my French, especially giving me more confidence with my speaking skills. After dinner on the evenings, we had a variety of activities we could participate in – for example, watch a French film or play games. On Sunday, we did a scavenger hunt around Portsea, entirely in French which was great for getting us to speak and read in French. The Alliance Française teaching staff were very nice too!

Overall, this was a great experience – I had heaps of fun and really had a great opportunity to improve my French language skills. In the future, I would definitely recommend this camp to other students studying French.

Gabrielle Howes, Year 10 SEAL student

"Finally, after months of preparation, it was the day - our French oral exam! With a mixture of nerves and excitement we headed to Box Hill.

We had put a lot of work into our preparation, so it was going to be a great opportunity to show the examiners our knowledge of the French language. The oral exam went for fifteen minutes. The first half was "General Conversation" and the examiners would ask us various questions related to our daily lives, covering topics of school, family, friends, hobbies, part time jobs and anything else they wanted to enquire about. The second half was "Detailed Study". This year our topic was "Immigration". We discussed the topic with the examiners and answered any questions they had about our opinions, information and our resources.

For our resources, we chose: "African Tour" - a French song by Francis Cabrel, two films, "Entre Les Murs" (this literally translates to "Between the Walls" but the English film name is "The Class") and "La Cour de Babel" (The School of Babel) and the small book "Le Racisme Expliqué à Ma Fille" (Racism Explained to My Daughter). It was really interesting to be able to not only research and study a topic, but to do it in French, and share our findings with the examiners.

We would like to thank our French teacher Mme Peerbux for all her hard work in assisting us with our preparation, guiding us, taking us to the exam and most of all inspiring us! Merci beaucoup Madame and we look forward to continuing our French studies at university next year."

Isabella Barker, College Captain
City of Kingston

Council would like to advise of the proposed removal of four Monterey Cypress Trees on the southern side of Mordialloc Creek, due to commence this month.

These trees are listed on the Significant Tree Register and are in severe decline with extensive dieback of 80-90% of their canopies and are also in all likelihood infested with Cypress Canker (fungal disease). These trees will continue to decline and die.

Removal of the trees will create an opportunity to plant and establish more suitable trees to contribute positively to the local amenity.

Once the trees have been removed, Council will consider replanting the area with appropriate trees as part of the Autumn 2015 planting program.

Enquiries should be directed to Kingston City Council’s Parks Department on 9580 0711.

Parentline

Parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support.

Parentline is a Department service which began in 1998. It provides information, support, and referral services to parents from 8am to midnight seven days a week.

Whether you’re struggling with everyday tasks, or simply wish to discuss parenting ideas, Parentline is a valuable source of counselling and assistance.

The qualified and experienced social workers and psychologists who staff the service answer approximately 13,000 calls per year from parents from all backgrounds looking for support and advice.

They will work with you to better understand your relationships and personal situations to help you to develop strategies which are tailored to your individual needs.

Parenting is challenging, but Parentline can help you to develop positive coping strategies, allowing you more freedom to enjoy your time with your children.

You can ring Parentline on 13 22 89.

Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health Service

A free service for women of all ages

Central Bayside Community Health Services provides a health service for women including:

- Preventive health screening
- Contraceptive advice and education
- Education regarding safe sex practices
- Pregnancy testing, counselling, referral and advice

These services are provided by a qualified sexual and reproductive health nurse/credentialled Pap test provider.

Pap tests

Did you know that most women diagnosed with cervical cancer have not had regular Pap tests? It is important to have a Pap test every 2 years. If your Pap test is due, or you have never had one, book an appointment now.

Appointments:

For appointments or more information, please contact us:
3/1 The Strand Chelsea 3196
Phone: 9782-7633

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

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