Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

Senior School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Mordialloc College aims to connect our students with vibrant and engaging learning communities that extend beyond the classroom and help develop our students as resilient and innovative learners. As such, we introduced a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy into the Senior School in 2015, supplementing our 1:1 Netbook and Year 7 & 8 iPad programmes. We are continuing this initiative into 2016, with the aim it will replace the 1:1 Netbook program in 2017.

As of 2016, all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be required to have access to a personal digital device (laptop or tablet computer). Ideally, we would prefer all students to bring their own devices to provide as authentic and rich learning as possible, but we recognise that, like uniforms, supplies and extracurricular activities, a laptop/tablet computer for student use represents a significant investment for families. Students who are unable to bring their own device are required to participate in the College’s 1:1 Netbook Program, which provides them with a Dell Inspiron netbook for use while they are a student in the Senior School of the College.

The Department of Education and Training provides all government school students access to a large suite of software for their devices to ensure the range of technology used in a BYOD program is consistent. Please contact the College before purchasing software, as your student may have access to it for free.

An information evening will be held at 6pm on Thursday 3rd December in the Learning Centre (as part of the Year 10 Information Evening) to explain the requirements and conditions of the BYOD and 1:1 Netbook programs. All students wishing to bring their own device or participate in the College’s 1:1 Netbook Program are required to attend and will receive the relevant user agreements on the night.

Continuous Reporting Trial

Early in the semester, the College undertook a review of our reporting system, surveying parents, students and staff in an effort to make our reports more accurate, useful and accessible. As a result we will be trialling a continuous reporting model in selected classes during Semester 1, 2016. This continuous model will allow students and parents to view assessment tasks, teacher feedback and results through the College’s Compass portal. Feedback will be published in these classes as the assessment tasks and units are completed rather than at the end of Term 1 and Term 2. The classes taking part in this trial will be determined at the end of this term, and parents and students will be informed of the details at the commencement of Term 1, 2016.

E-safety and Resources for Parents

The Federal Government’s CyberSmart site changed its name and address earlier in the year. Resources and information for parents around issues of cyber safety can now be found at www.esafety.gov.au.

One of the best, and judging from parent comments, most relevant resources on the site addresses the common concern parents have around children spending too much time online. This section of the site offers advice, guidelines and answers to frequently asked questions. It is a great starting point if you feel their device is starting to dominate their lives.

Joshua Flood
Director of eLearning
Value Awards - October

Tessa Love - Personal Best and Responsibility - production of the class magazine and completing classwork.

Michael Anning - Personal Best – for endeavouring to have work included in a writing competition.

Tiara King - Personal Best – for endeavouring to have work included in a writing competition.

Annie Ea - Personal Best and Responsibility - production of the class magazine and completing classwork.

Important Dates

October 2015
- Friday 30
  - Facilities & OHS Meeting

November 2015
- Monday 2
  - Y11 Exams (2-6 Nov)
  - Finance Meeting 4pm
- Tuesday 3
  - CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Thursday 5
  - School Council 5pm
- Friday 6
  - Y11 Mystery Tour
- Monday 9
  - Y12 Headstart commences
  - Y9 Community Placements (9-13 Nov)
- Tuesday 10
  - Y7 Alternative Sports Day
- Friday 13
  - Y8 Alternative Sports Day
- Monday 16
  - Yr10 Exams commence
- Tuesday 17
  - 9C City Week Parent Information Night - 7pm
- Wednesday 18
  - Y9 Advance Surf Camp (18-20 Nov)
- Thursday 23
  - Y11 Headstart commences
- Tuesday 24
  - Y9 Guest Speaker-Peter Keogh
  - 2016 VCAL Information Night-6pm
- Friday 27
  - Facilities & OHS Meeting 8am
- Monday 30
  - Y9 Zoo Snooze 30 Nov-01Dec

December 2015
- Thursday 3
  - Y10 (2016) Parent Information Night and Senior School BYOD Information Night
  - Finance Meeting 4pm
  - School Council 5pm
- Friday 4
  - Y8 Bounce Excursion
- Tuesday 8
  - Orientation Day Y7 2016
  - Y7 into Y8 Orientation
  - Y8 into Y9 Orientation
- Wednesday 9
  - Award Night
The Year 10 Advance class embarked on their last camp after two amazing years together. We arrived at school on the morning of October 14, excited about the long trip we had ahead of us. After a four hour bus ride, we arrived in Halls Gap, set up camp and prepared for our first hike of the day. The hike consisted of sweat, flies, complaints and a very underwhelming waterfall where we had stopped. After our brief but exhausting walk we continued back to our camp site where our second hike for the day began with a relatively easy track leading to a bridge, on a stream that flowed beneath it.

We continued to an opening that contained both deep and shallow rock pools. On the left of us was a steep diagonal mountain which many of us attempted to climb, while others stayed behind to enjoy the stream and natural rock pools. After gathering back near the stream we set off once again to climb the large stepping rocks that accompanied the stream. After enjoying the magnificent scenery we headed back to camp, to wash up and get ready for dinner. With our bodies clean and our stomachs full, we enjoyed each other’s company playing games under the star filled night sky. After an eventful day we happily went to bed, ready for the next day’s challenges.

We all awoke the next day ready for anything. After breakfast we all got ready for our first hike of day. “The Panicles” was a tough journey up a steep mountain but through it all we enjoyed the amazing views along the way. As we reached the top many of our jaws were on the ground at the breathtaking view. We were able to see what the Grampians had to offer for miles and miles on end - it was at that moment that we all knew how lucky we actually were to experience this together. By this time our feet were sore and we were all in need of a recuperation break and lunch. In the afternoon we headed for Mackenzie Falls to indulge in a little relaxation and sight seeing. The challenge of the very steep steps to Mackenzie Falls was worth it as we saw the fantastic view when we arrived. We were greeted by the cool spray of the beautiful waterfall only metres away from us. Unfortunately we couldn’t stay forever, even though most of us would have. We still had to leave.

When we arrived back at camp we once again set off to clean up and eat dinner before we all met back up to attend a night tour of the old mental asylum in Ararat known as “J Ward”. Once we arrived at the asylum we were greeted by a very charming old man named Doug. He took us around the facilities happily and told us the gruesome stories that accompanied the cells we passed. Most of the class were enthusiastic about entering the scary parts of the asylum while a few refused to enter, due to understandable fear. Our tour guide gave us a fantastic tour of J Ward and showed us real footage of the asylum when it was in use. By the time the tour had ended we were all a little tired and ready for a good night’s sleep.

The next morning we woke up a little sad that camp was almost over. We reluctantly packed up our gear and loaded it into the trailer and began our long journey home. Once we arrived at school the atmosphere had changed slightly. We gathered around and wrote our names in the dust on the side of the bus. With heavy hearts we all said farewell and thanked Mr Evans and the other teachers who got to experience the hike with us.

This camp was one of the best things that I have ever experienced. It was a once in a lifetime trip we all took together and I know we now all have lifelong friendships. I hope one day we look back at the photos we took and laugh, because we will always remember it.

Ben Oliveira Neves
Year 10 Advance
During Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4 Year 8 students explored the issue of bullying as part of their ‘Inventing Elliot’ novel studies. Students were asked to produce an information booklet or poster to explain what parents/guardians can do if their children are being bullied. The two most informative pieces from 8A were produced by Jasmine Lloyd and Amy Pearson.

**Year 8 Students Study Bullying Issue**

Here are some alarming statistics:
- 1 in 4 school students have been bullied sometime in their schooling life.
- 1 in 10 students drop out of school because of bullying.

Types of Bullying

- **VERBAL** - name calling, teasing, abuse, put downs, sarcasm, insults or threats
- **PHYSICAL** - hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping or spitting
- **SOCIAL** - ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures, embarrassing them
- **PSYCHOLOGICAL** - spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of phones

This is a sample of the information contained in Jasmine and Amy’s work. For more information about the Bullying Issue visit:

- [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)
- [www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)
ACER Language Competence Tests 2015

The Year 9-12 students who study French participated in the ACER Language Competence Tests 2015 as part of an additional assessment of their language skills. All tests were held in August. Year 9-10 students completed only a Listening component, whereas the Year 11-12 students completed 2 tests (Reading Comprehension and Listening components).

Congratulations to all students who participated. I am very pleased to publish their achievements below.

Ms Bibi Peerbux

Certificate 1 Level - Listening Test (Yrs 9-10 Levels)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MEAT TASTING

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH (4PM, 5PM & 6PM – 1HOUR TIMESLOTS)

The Mordialloc World Challenge team in partnership with Tastepoint are conducting an Australian red meat tasting session. We are asking members of the Mordialloc College community to kindly volunteer 1 hour of their time to taste freshly prepared samples of meat, to assist Meat and Livestock Australia with research data for the ongoing grading of meat tenderness. All you will need to do is donate 1 hour of your time to taste and evaluate meat samples by completing a simple survey. In return Tastepoint will donate $1000 to our fundraising efforts for World Challenge MORDIALLOC COLLEGE WORLD CHALLENGE TEAM – VIETNAM 2016.

To book your spot or for more information please contact:

Alice Leppin leppin.alice.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

(School leader)
Valedictory Dinner
Our 9B Mentor group is running a Giving Tree!

The Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation collects gifts on behalf of the hospital and the nursing staff then selects gifts that are appropriate for their particular patients. They are delighted to accept donated gifts for the children who are in hospital over Christmas. However, they are quite limited as to what items they can receive and distribute within the hospital due to infection control and health & safety.

GUIDELINES FOR GIFTS

- All gifts must be brand new and in sealed original packaging
- Not gift wrapped
- Not perishable, no food or lollies
- No stuffed toys
- No clothing
- No second hand or used gifts
- No hand-made or home-made items

In the tables below are some suggestions the hospital has provided for the two age groups needed:

**Gift Ideas for Adolescents (12-18 years):**

- Thongs/flip-flops
- Nail polish
- Pillow pets
- Wallets
- Watches
- CDs
- iTunes vouchers
- Headphones
- Toiletry gift packs
- Aftershave
- Perfume
- Books
- DVDs
- Board games & puzzles
- Stationery sets
- Art sets
- Make-up

**Gift ideas for babies (under 6 months):**

- Rattles
- Pull toys
- Sensory toys
- Musical toys
- Early manipulative toys such as: plastic rings, blocks, stacking cups, push along toys, play mirrors
- Light plastic balls
- Hard books
- Plastic books

We really hope you can consider a donation you are comfortable with, no matter how small, and help our Year 9 Mentor group help sick kids at Christmas time. See Ms Pierce for any further information.

Gifts can be delivered to the Christmas Tree that will be placed in the Hub and can be donated until Friday 11th December. Brand new and unopened Christmas wrapping paper is also most welcome!

Thank you!
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.”
**Tuesday, 27th October**
2pm to 3pm

**Seniors Festival**

**RACV Years Ahead - Awareness session for older drivers**

“Years Ahead” is a one hour discussion based presentation on road safety awareness by RACV especially designed for older road users. An RACV representative will present road safety information to assist you to remain safe on the road. The presentation covers the following areas:
- Driving and road safety tips for drivers, passengers and pedestrians;
- The importance of choosing a safe vehicle and being fit to drive;
- The impact of health and medications on driving;
- How to assess your own driving ability;
- Information about alternative transport options and how to plan for future mobility.

RACV believes that all drivers should continue to drive for as long as they are safe to do so. They encourage:
- all drivers to take responsibility for their own driving ability and make sure they are fit to drive;
- older drivers to have regular checkups and discuss their fitness to drive with their health professionals.

**Bookings essential** - Contact our office on 9587 5955

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**Saturday, 7th November**
2pm to 4.30pm
$35.00

**Wellness Workshop with Carolyn Gray**

**Food as Medicine**

Carolyn will be teaching the basics of eating a healing Whole Foods based diet. Cooking demonstrations of turmeric and beetroot cauliflower rice and guacamole and a green smoothie (with lemon and ginger).

The workshop is based on Paleo Nutrition principles free of dairy and gluten. The session is 1 hour theory, 30 minute cooking display and 1 hour recipe review. The best part is you will get to taste the freshly cooked foods!

**Bookings essential** - To register: carolynlgray@bigpond.com or 0419 139 755

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**Tuesday, 17th November**
Arrive at 6.45pm for a 7pm start
$5.00

**Autism Discussion**

**Donna Williams “Autism: Alternative Approaches”**

Donna has been an autism consultant since 1996, is an accomplished speaker, author and lecturer who has gained post graduate qualifications as a sociologist and teacher, written ten books in the field of autism, is an international public speaker and an accomplished artist and musician.

As a person with autism, Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of autism as someone who has actually been there and worked with hundreds of children and adults on the autism spectrum.

**Bookings essential** - Contact our office on 9587 5955
Aspendale Primary School 90th Birthday Celebration & Learning Precinct Official Opening

You are invited to celebrate the 90th year of Aspendale Primary School, Laura Street, Aspendale. The event will be held in the new courtyard on Friday November 6th, beginning at 2:00pm. The afternoon will comprise tours of the new facilities and an official opening ceremony (beginning at 2:30pm).

Please RSVP to the school on 0395803255 by October 31st. We look forward to your attendance.

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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.

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DVD on sale now

Vaughan Wood Video Productions filmed our “Guys and Dolls” production this year, filming the final night, Friday 21 August. These quality productions make a lasting memento for all involved and their families.

DVDs are available to purchase from the payment window at the College for $30 each.
From September to April in Victoria, when average UV Index levels reach 3 and above.

Check the SunSmart UV Alert every day and protect your skin during the sun protection times (when UV levels are 3 or above), even when you are in the sun for short periods.

The UV Alert is available as a SunSmart app, on the SunSmart website, and in the weather section of the daily newspapers.

During the sun protection times, use a combination of the five SunSmart steps:

- Slip on sun clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen liberally at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors.
- Slap on a broad brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.
- Seek shade.

Further information available at www.sunsmart.com.au

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.
**MORDIALLOC COLLEGE UNIFORM**

**NORMAL TRADING HOURS**
- MONDAY 8.30AM – 11.30AM
- WEDNESDAY 12.30PM – 4.00PM

For personal fitting appointments outside of shop hours please contact Melanie at the uniform shop on 9587-0738 or email mdc@dobsons.com.au
Alternatively shop online at www.dobsons.com.au

**Extended Trading Hours**
**DECEMBER 2015**

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**ORIENTATION DAY**
**LAST TRADING DAY**

**JANUARY 2016**

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**As of Wednesday 3/2/16 the School Shop hours will resume as normal.**