Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

We look forward to a very busy week next week at the College with Orientation Day on Tuesday 8 December and Awards night on 9 December. Please note Orientation Day will run from 9am to 3pm, with a 2.30pm dismissal for the rest of the school as per our normal Tuesday timetable. All families should have received a letter regarding the arrangements for the day next Wednesday with a large number of staff and students involved with Award night rehearsals at the City of Kingston Town Hall. There will be an early dismissal for the rest of the school at 1.30pm to allow for final Award Night preparations. A reminder, Award Night will start promptly at 7pm.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program
The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving Victorian and select New South Wales and South Australian border school students in realising their full potential. The program provides access to events, activities and resources to give students a head start into university. Congratulations to Finn McHenry, a current Year 10 student who was successful in achieving one of the Melbourne University scholarships into this program which will run for the duration of Finn’s VCE studies at Mordialloc College. There were 1800 applications received so a fantastic achievement for Finn!!

Facility Development – Front Building Major Works
LA contractors have been appointed out of five tenderers for this significant maintenance project. We are meeting with them this week to set up the construction/maintenance program and should be on track to have them onsite in December with the majority of work to be completed over the summer holidays. The most significant work to be completed is the replacement of ALL windows in the two storey building.

I congratulate all students who went through an extensive application process where candidates delivered a speech to their year level, wrote a short application and were interviewed by a panel of three members of the College leadership team. I am pleased to announce the successful candidates who will form the student leadership team next year.

Senior School
College Captains: Gabi Howes and Jure Plestina
College Vice-Captains: Katelyn Newham and Naomi Vlasbiom
Sports Captains: Jamie Lee and Joel Davis
Performing Arts Captains: Ruby Barlow and Bambi Cheung
Special Events Captains: Amelia Ransom and Lexie Close
Visual Arts Captains: Erin Love and Jaymar Ledesma
Environmental Captains: Neo Bahula and Ben Robertson
VCAL Captain: Jaala Spithas

Middle School
Middle School Captains: Eleni Hatzis, Elizabeth Ng and Levi Burns
Middle School Vice-Captains: Meredith Vaughan and Alex Unwin

Congratulations to all students who were nominated and went through the selection process for these positions. Thanks to Robyn Wilson, Shelley Muir, George Tzimourtas and Lauren McIvor for being on the respective selection panels with me. In addition to these positions, students still have the opportunity to nominate for house captain and SRC positions at the start of next year.

Curiosity and Powerful Learning
Mordialloc College last year was offered the opportunity to be part of the “Improving Practice, Improving Outcomes” Project over the next three – five years. Wayne Craig (McREL International and former Regional Director) is the project manager for the life of the project and it is being partly funded by the Myer Foundation. There was support from the school leadership team and school council to pursue this opportunity. We have now formally signed an agreement with the Mitchell Institute in partnership with...
Monash University to join this project and to date members of the leadership team have attended four professional development days, with a twilight PD session held for all teaching staff on November 12, 4-6pm to launch the project.

A key strength of this project for Mordialloc College is that it is going to build upon the work we have already been doing with staff as part of our Professional Development program for the past five years on our Instructional Model and coaching program and this project will become the focus for us for the next three-five years. We have achieved so much over the past five years which we can all be proud of and this is the next step in our journey of continuous improvement. Mordialloc College will also become a teaching academy (thus a teaching school for future teachers!) through our involvement in this project in partnership with Monash University.

Our first area of focus for 2016 will be High Expectations and Authentic Relationships. All parents have been sent a link to a short survey so we can establish some baseline data on behalf of the parent community, if you haven’t had the opportunity to complete this yet I would really appreciate if you could take 5 minutes to do so. Also all students are completing a short survey in their Communication/English classes this week.

School visit
On Friday 27 November, Jennifer Roep and I hosted a delegation of eight Principals from NSW for the morning. They also spent time in the Year 7 and 8 learning centres. They were interested in hearing about the change process over the past five years and innovative practices, in particular team teaching in flexible learning spaces, use of iPads, integrated projects and collaborative learning. They were all most impressed with how our students could articulate their learning and track their learning progress.

Reports
A reminder that end of semester reports will be available via the parent and student portals of Compass from Friday 11 December. Please contact the College if you have any trouble accessing or if you would like a hard copy. I hope parents take the opportunity to discuss the report with their student/s over the holiday break and discussed appropriate actions to put in place to address any areas for improvement highlighted, to assist in preparing for a positive start for 2016.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal

AWARD NIGHT

The Mordialloc College Award Night to be held at the Kingston City Town Hall is fast approaching on Wednesday 9 December. At this stage, all students who have been invited will have received a letter, via post or email, to inform them of the details. Congratulations to all of these recipients for their achievements across the school year. In order to receive an invite, students were required to receive a specific number of nominations from their teachers across all subjects. What a fantastic achievement to celebrate as a whole school. Guest tickets are currently available for purchase to attend the night from the General Office, but you need to get in quickly as they are selling fast!

In preparation for the night, there will be a rehearsal for all award recipients at the Kingston City Hall between 9:30am-1:00pm on the actual day itself. Students may wear free dress to the rehearsal and are expected to confirm their attendance on the night, as well as return permission slips for the rehearsal day, to their Year Level Coordinator as soon as possible.

Well done to all invited.

Matina Karamanis, Janine Danckert and Amelia Hargreaves, Award Night Coordinators
JOYFUL CONNECTIONS:

One of the pleasures of my role this year has been discovering how kind and giving, our students are. I’ve been able to observe this generosity of spirit expressed in many ways. Some of these have been fundraising through cake stalls, fun runs and making hundreds of ribbon ties for Purple and R U OK day. Other students have given up their time to mentor Year 7s in the Peer Support Program, while students have developed initiatives on behalf of the SRC and RESPECT team.

I would like to mention our Mordialloc College Volunteer Club, a group of Year 7-10 students who spend time with the elderly residents at Nixon House. On Wednesday afternoons, for one hour, there are rich interactions between residents and our students.

For a person in fulltime residential care this is the ultimate gift, as they love spending time with young people who offer them energy and joy and also because the students give this without the expectation of something in return.

Alana Singh is the coordinator of the successful Volunteer Club and Nixon House program and Kingston Council are keen to expand the program next year to other local organisations.

As the Chaplain, it’s been wonderful to watch our students flourish through contribution and generosity to their fellow students and their community.

Lana Paten
Chaplain

Congratulations to Indiana Jennings who was presented with the Australian Scout Medallion on Saturday 14 November.

The Australian Scout Medallion is the highest award in the Scouts Section and involves meeting the following criteria:

To acquire and demonstrate competence in a variety of situations such as safety and survival in the outdoors, undertake an expedition into unfamiliar terrain over two nights, advanced navigation in the field without use of maps and compass, first aid management, environmental awareness and contribute service to a community activity.

It also requires participation in a Scout Leadership Course, developed leadership skills through participation and involves being responsible for broad program planning and leading a Patrol Group of Scouts.

Indiana has been involved with the 1st Seaford Scouts for the past 5 years and is now entering the next youth section of Scouting, called Venturers. Well done Indiana.
On 18 November, the Year 9 Advance class embarked on their second surf camp at Lorne for the year. Upon arrival, we set up and organised our tents, had some lunch and then left the campsite for our day of activities. We stopped off at the iconic lighthouse that is featured in the show, ‘Around the Twist’. We then had a three hour mountain bike ride through some wild terrain, which was awesome and one of the highlights of camp.

We then headed back to Lorne beach for a swim, before cooking our dinner on the Trangia camping cookware. The first night’s activity was a night walk, which resulted in an exhausted Advance class.

The next day at 10am sharp, we left for our surfing lesson at Anglesea main beach, and got to try and catch some waves for a couple of hours. Despite the small waves, all of us were still able to catch a couple of waves and make the most out of the session.

After surfing, we went and had lunch at the Anglesea shops before going sea kayaking. This was a very fun activity, which tested some members of our class in the challenging conditions. Although the conditions were tough, it was still a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. After kayaking, we did two run-swim-runs before heading back to the campsite for dinner.

After dinner and showers, the class had their lifesaving signals test, and then went down to the local park where we enjoyed a quality game of 40-40. The next morning was very cold, which was even more reason to go to the beach to complete a couple more run-swim-runs. We then headed back and packed up the campsite, which marked the end of surf camp. On the drive home we stopped in Geelong to get some lunch before heading back to school. It was a very rewarding experience that we all thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Mr T Wischusen and Miss Lazaro for coming to the camp with us, and Mr Evans for organising it for us!

Bailey Bocksette, Year 9 Advance
Are your children eligible for State Schools' Relief uniform pack

State Schools' Relief

State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government's uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What's included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225):

- Jumper x 1
- PE shirt x 1
- PE shorts x 1
- For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers x 1) and a skirt x 1 (long or short sleeve)
- For boys: shorts or trousers x 1 and a shirt x 1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents who missed this year's CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. The 2016 program will be promoted via school newsletters and websites.

What if parents have already purchased their child's uniform?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter uniform package available next year.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services - www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

State Schools’ Relief
1/8 Johnston Court Dandenong South, VIC 3175
Telephone: 03 8769 8400 Email: contact@ssr.net.au Website: www.ssr.net.au

State Schools' Relief is dedicated to providing Victorian families with the resources they need to ensure that no student is left disadvantaged.

As part of the Victorian government's Affordable Uniform Program, State Schools' Relief will offer a free uniform pack to all 2016 government school Year 7s who are current Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund recipients.

Eligible parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for the start of next year are entitled to a winter uniform package available in 2016.

To find out what the uniform pack includes and if you could be eligible, please see: State Schools' Relief - Fact sheet for parents PDF | DOC

Parents who missed this year's CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply for CSEF in 2016. See: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

For more information please contact State Schools' Relief on 03 8769 8400, at contact@ssr.net.au or see: State Schools' Relief
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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**Uniforms**

**Extended Trading Hours - Uniform Shop**

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| Friday 29/1    | 8.00-11.30 am |
| Saturday 30/1  | 9.00-12.00 noon |
| Monday 1/2     | 8.00-11.30 am |

**Normal Trading Hours will resume on Wednesday February 3, 2016.**

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](http://www.dobsons.com.au)

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**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.**
News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Time to think ahead – at CHCC we are currently taking bookings for Term 1 2016 child care.

Positive Mind Positive Future Course – this four week course offers you an opportunity to reassess the quality of your life. ‘You are what you think’ is a simple and yet very accurate statement.

Are you looking for a great venue for your next big family function? Our large hall catering for up to 200 people could be the perfect choice. We also have smaller room suitable for meetings, classes and workshops and kids parties.

On Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11am Playgroup welcomes families (children 0-6 year olds), a great venue with indoor and outdoor play and a fabulous collection of toys and activities. And in the afternoons 1pm to 3pm, come and join our friendly line dancing group, the class caters for beginners.

Cooking with a Twist classes are held on Fridays 11.30 am to 1.30 pm - fun and inspiring lessons focusing on fresh affordable produce and followed by a delicious shared lunch.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at www.chelsearegionscommunitycentre.com.au or just drop on by.

Chelsea Heights Community Centre
Beazley Reserve
160 Thames Promenade
Chelsea Heights 3196

FREE CRICKET WORKSHOP @ AYC
Aspendale Gardens Youth Cove
Tuesday 8th December
4:30-5:30pm

Batting activities / games
Bowling activities / games
Fielding / catching activities / games

To secure your spot email ayc@kingston.vic.gov.au
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