Report from the Director of eLearning

Senior School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
The College instituted a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy for Years 10 to 12 at the end of 2014, encouraging students to use their own personal digital devices (laptops, tablets etc.) to help organise, access and enhance their learning. All Senior School students should now either have access to their own digital devices at school or one of the College’s netbooks.

Students choosing to use their own devices at school to assist in their learning also have access to the Department of Education and Training’s eduSTAR software catalogue. This allows students to download and install various useful software packages on the College’s network free of charge.

The catalogue includes titles such as:
- Microsoft Office (for Windows or Mac)
- iLife (Pages, Numbers and Keynote for Mac)
- Microsoft Security Essentials (for Windows or Mac)
- Audacity
- Freemind
- Comic Life
- GeoGebra

Students wishing to download and install these titles must have signed the College’s Acceptable Use and eSafety Agreement. To access, students need to see the College technicians to obtain their IDAM credentials.

Please note: The eduSTAR catalogue is ONLY accessible through the College network and cannot be accessed or installed at home.

QKR Payment App
The College now has a mobile payment application, which enables parents, carers and students to pay for various College activities.

The new Qkr! app is now live for families of students at Mordialloc College. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones/iPads (https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/qkr!-by-mastercard/id589799471?mt=8) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets (https://play.google.com/store/)

Cybersafety Resources for Parents
There are a wealth of resources produced and updated regularly to help parents stay in touch with cybersafety issues and deal with the ever-growing pervasive use of digital devices in their students’ lives.

Chatterbox is an informal and informative resource designed specifically to assist parents in understanding and dealing with cyber related issues. Structured in short episodes and conversations, Chatterbox covers topics including how to support your child if they are involved in cyberbullying, how to use parental controls to limit or restrict internet/content accessibility, how to balance screentime and downtime and understanding trolling, tagging and bragging (http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources/Educate%20yourself/Chatterbox.aspx)

Chatterbox also has a Facebook page which can keep you updated with the latest trends and resources.

Joshua Flood
Director of eLearning

Top cybersafety tip: Have frequent conversations with your child about what they’re doing online. Speak about less, more often, to make the conversations not so overwhelming.

#SD015 #eSmart
VCAL excursion to Gunnamatta

On Monday the 23rd of February VCAL students headed down to Gunnamatta to have a look at the big sewerage pipe and the treated water signs. Unfortunately the tour guide was not available but came to our school the following day and talked to us as a class. She was from Clean Oceans and told us about how until 2009 raw sewerage was dumped into Gunnamatta beach. It is now treated with fresh A class water and chemicals that kill the bacteria. We learnt about the different water types and our local water treatment plant which is in Carrum Downs. Clean Ocean’s aim is to advocate for the world’s best practice governance, management and monitoring of these impacts. They have the best interest of the public and animals at heart.

We did an experiment which showed us what happens when CO2 mixes with water and makes the PH levels lower.

Connor Hartland
Victory for Mordialloc!!

On Monday 23/2/15, 4 teams of three went to play lawn bowls down at Glen Eira/McKinnon Bowls Club. While the junior and two of the three senior teams bombed out after the two pools we all played, the top senior team (which consisted of Anthony Cameron, Jeremy Cullen and myself) had won all of the games to qualify for finals.

The only team we hadn’t played was the top McKinnon team that beat us in the previous two years. After many rain delays, everyone was silent to watch the final game between Mordialloc and McKinnon to see who would take out the Metropolitan Pennant. As Mordialloc had won the coin toss, McKinnon had won the first end with only one shot. Mordialloc scored the next end with only one shot. McKinnon won the third end by two shots and then Mordialloc came back firing with excellent bowls within 1 metre from the jack by everyone. Mordialloc won the fourth end with two shots, so it was all tied up at 3 all.

The fifth end was the decider and someone only needed to concede one shot to win the pennant flag. Mordialloc had three shots by the time McKinnon had to play their last bowl. McKinnon played a heavy weighted drive to try and take out our shot bowls, but their bowl was narrow and missed everything. Mordialloc had won the final game 6-3, and everyone on the Mordialloc and Brighton cheer squad started to cheer, with some of them coming over and giving me a shoulder ride for the win.

A brilliant win by Mordialloc to defeat McKinnon. For so many years in all sports, Mordialloc has come 2nd against McKinnon, but for now, we’ve changed the game...

To my team, Ant Man (our Skip) and Jeremy Cullen (‘Jezza’, our lead) well done on the accomplishment and the great win. A lot of training has done us well. Also, a very good sportsmanship vibe went well with all the other team members of both Mordialloc and McKinnon cheering both teams in the dying moments of the final end in the match.

We would all like to thank Mr. James Evans for organising teams prior to the day, and for taking his time to commit to driving the bus to and from the venue.

GO MORDIALLOC!!

Blake Herron, Year 12
FREE PARENT SEMINAR

Melissa Anderson presents an essential evening for parents
How do I raise a resilient child?

- What are the three crucial elements of resilience at any age group?
- Is resilience something learned or is it genetic?
- Could developing the building blocks of resilience be an immunisation against depression and mental distress?

Melissa Anderson is a counsellor, pharmacist and the Director of SHINE Academy for Girls and LONGFORD & FRASER Leadership Academy for Boys.

Wednesday 4 March 2015
Rosstrevor Hall,
Brighton Grammar School
(Cnr Allee and New Streets, Brighton)
7.30pm - 9.00pm
Children aged 10 and above are welcome.
This is a FREE event, however a gold coin donation to charity is greatly appreciated.

For bookings phone (03) 9592 4948
Community Notice Board

**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*

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**Change of Trading Hours**

Uniform Shop will be closed Monday 9th March for Labour day and Wednesday 11th March.

It will be open **Tuesday 10th March 12.30 - 4.30pm** and normal trading hours will resume the following week.

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**NEXT COURSE**

April 15th to June 3rd 2015

**VENUE:** Clarinda Community Centre

**TIME:** Eight Wednesday evenings 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL**

Registrations close on Wednesday 1st April

**Enquiries:**
- Tel: 9551 0847 / 0413 323 049
- Email: rocka.rock@kingsh.pdf.gov.au

**WHAT MEN ARE SAYING:**

"It was great to get together with other men from a variety of cultures. The trainers are very helpful. I’m now on track to creating a better future for my children."

"After moving to Australia I had lost the respect and obedience of my children. Through this course I have found other ways to get results… it has helped to make the complex Western ways much clearer. I am now more confident about our future here."

"The bond I have with my wife and son since I started Pit Stop has been amazing… She is telling all her friends about it!"

"What a great course! …simple tools … I would strongly recommend it to every father."

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**GET THE FACTS ON FATHERHOOD**

- Why Dads Matter to Children
- Developing a Healthy Parenting Style
- Improving Family Communication and Closeness
- Raising Your Children Through Stressful Times
- Disciplining Children Without Losing It... or Them!
- Balancing Life / Work and Family
- Working as a Team (Partners Night)
- Identifying and Implementing Change (Graduation)

**PLACES LIMITED TO 30 DADS**

- Entertaining multimedia presentation
- Practical insights and strategies
- Relevant for Dads of kids through to high-schoolers
- Dads attend without children
- Women/Partners invited Week 2
- Comprehensive practical manual included
- Highly Valued – good for new arrive/learning English
- Interpreters may be available
INVITATION

Kingston Family and Children’s Services Network and Learning Together Meetings

Focus on Family Violence

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Longbeach PLACE
15 Chelsea Road, Chelsea

Service Provider:
Salvation Army Crisis Services
Family Violence Services

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Learning Together meetings aim to improve awareness and working relationships between local services working with children and families. Using de-identified case scenarios complex cases will be discussed, exploring best possible outcomes

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3.30pm – 5.00pm
Clarinda Community Centre
58b Viney Street, Clarinda

Case Scenario:
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