Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back for Term 2. It is very important that all students settle quickly into the daily routine of lessons as well as our expectations of home study.

School Council
At the AGM on 19th March, the following parents have been elected to the Council Executive:

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I thank them for the extra commitment they are prepared to make to the College in taking on the responsibilities involved in these important roles.

Future Facility development approved
I am very excited to announce that our masterplan has been approved by the Department and that we have been told to proceed with planning for a building project to include not only a Performing Arts Centre, but also a new gymnasium and new Year 8 Learning Centre.

Summary of Works to be completed by the end of 2016:

- External maintenance work to the front building
- Build a Performing Arts Centre, includes new canteen, in Forum area
- Demolish C block (old performing arts) and part of S block (old Science)
- Demolish hall and build a new Gym
- Build a new Year 8 Learning Centre
- External works to create a central court social hub

Our first planning meeting with the architects to begin the design sketch process for all three new buildings will be on 24th April.

Update on Staffing
As you may already be aware, Jenny Connolly left the College at the end of last term. Jenny was successful in achieving a promotion and will be leading the Performing Arts program at SEDA from this term. To make the decision to leave Mordialloc College was very difficult for Jenny, but it is a wonderful career opportunity for her. Well known and experienced teachers here at the College are now taking her Year 12 classes, Penny Trumble Year 12 English and Kelly McConville Year 11 and 12 Drama. We are pleased to welcome a new teacher to the College, Adelle Stevenson to teach Year 7-10 English and Drama and she has started with us this week.

We have also increased our staffing to support our growing music program. Evan Hopkins has been appointed to work 1.5 days a week teaching guitar, to support our current guitar, piano and vocals teacher and our music coordinator Demis Danoudis.

Open Events
We look forward to meeting prospective students and their parents at our open events in the next week. On Saturday 18th April, our Year 7 Learning Centre will be open from 2 - 4pm with attendees having the opportunity to participate in a range of interactive learning workshops with our Year 7 teaching team and members of the leadership team. On the evening of Tuesday 21st April, the whole school will be open for our annual Open Night. There will be a formal start to the night at 7pm in the Year 7 Learning Centre with our School Captains hosting this occasion. I will address the audience followed by our School Council President, Ms Nicky Hersey. Then George Tzimourtas, Director of Middle School, and two of our Year 7 students, Eboni Kewin and Jack Crowe, will provide an overview of our Year 7 program. Visitors will then have the opportunity to be taken on a guided tour of the school to see the various learning areas in operation, to meet teaching staff and current students. Thanks to the many students who have volunteered their time to attend the night to act as guides. We also run tours of the school during the day for prospective students and their parents to see the College at work. People are able to book in for our weekly tour on Wednesdays at 9.30am by ringing the office.

Student Attitudes to School Survey
We are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education & Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to...
improve your child’s schooling experience. This is the twelfth year that the survey has been offered. Students from Year 7 to 12 will participate in the survey over the next few weeks. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and all responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey results will be reported back to the school in July and will be communicated to parents through the Annual Report.

House Athletics sports
The College Athletics Sports were held on a cool autumn day (with occasional showers) on the last day of Term 1. The event was well supported by students and staff who enthusiastically engaged with the busy program and it was a very successful day. Congratulations go to Yerlonga (Blue House) on their great win. There was certainly a huge roar when the result was announced as it has been a long time (2004) since Blue House had won a sporting carnival. Congratulations to Sports Coordinator, Tim Wischusen, for his excellent organisation of this event and to all students and staff for their wonderful work and positive involvement on the day.

Ms. Michelle Roberts
Principal

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The 2015 Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open. Students have until mid September to read 15 books and need to pick up a consent form from the Hub so that they can be registered.

Important Dates

April 2015
Thursday 16
- Y10 Optional Theatre Excursion - Comedy Festival
Saturday 18
- Open Day 2.00-4.00pm
Monday 20
- Senior School Assembly: Cultural Exchange
Tuesday 21
- Y11 Supportive Friends Training
- Open Night 7.00-9.00pm
Wednesday 22
- House Cross Country - Period 4
- SRC - ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony
Thursday 23
- Y10 Advance Cathedral Ranges 23-24
- SEAL testing 1:30pm
Friday 24
- Anzac Day Whole School Assembly
- World’s Greatest Shave
Monday 27
- Health & PE Week
Tuesday 28
- VCE Drama MTC

May 2015
Monday 4
- Y8 Camp Phillip Island 4-6
Thursday 7
- Y11/12 Sleep for Wellbeing & Performance Seminar 1:30-3:00 pm

House Cross Country
Wednesday 22 April
2:00 pm
Make the right choice
Make an informed choice

This invaluable opportunity is highly recommended for prospective parents and students seeking leading educational opportunities.

Meet the Principal and hear firsthand why Mordialloc College is a leader among Government schools in the City of Kingston. The continuing results include:

- 100% of eligible students gaining their VCE
- 100% of VCE students receiving tertiary offers
- Our current Dux achieving an ATAR of 97.25
- Our student NAPLAN is above state average
- Tertiary placements include courses at Melbourne and Monash Universities in Law, Science, Commerce and Arts
- Recognition as a state leader in teaching and learning, student relationships and wellbeing

To secure a place we recommend parents and students approaching Year 7 attend our:

**Open Day** Saturday 18th April, 2015
2.00 – 4.00pm, tour the Year 7 learning area; SEAL presentation 3.00pm

**Open Night** Tuesday 21st April 2015
7.00 – 9.00pm, see the whole College at work, participate in interactive learning workshops; SEAL presentation 8.30pm
This year, our school celebrated Cultural Diversity Week from Thursday 12/3 to Wednesday 25/3, with several events happening during the 2-week period. The first event started with the French Film Festival excursion. All students who study French were given opportunities to attend the French Film Festival at the Kino Palace Cinema, Collins Place in Melbourne CBD. With the help of a wonderful team of staff - Ms Danckert, Ms Cowain-Menzies, Ms Ilott, Ms McIvor, Ms Leppin, Ms Lowe, Ms Talerico, Ms Hughes, Ms Singh and Ms Baker - these excursions were made valuable for students. Thank you for the wonderful team support!

Harmony Day was celebrated throughout the whole week from Monday 16/3 to Friday 20/3. Our nurse, Jenny Muir, together with a team of students from the Respect Group distributed orange ribbons to the school community during the week, to raise awareness about individual differences. Well done to Nurse Jenny and her team!

Friday started as a very busy but fun morning for the Year 7 students, with African drumming and dancing on show. Students enjoyed the beat before continuing work on their Cultural Diversity project. Throughout 3 consecutive weeks, our Year 7 team of teachers were very well organised to assist students with their Cultural project.

Finally, after such huge efforts, students were very proud to display and reflect on their work on Wednesday 25/3. The whole school community was invited to visit the Year 7 World Expo. It was delightful to see such a big cohort of grandparents, parents, guardians and siblings talking to students at their Expo stalls and being captivated by their small group presentations. Well done students and everyone!

Special thank you to Ms Singh for leading the teachers' team and the big Year 7 cohort to celebrate their learning. Thank you to the Year 7 staff team – Ms Baker, Ms Talerico, Ms Karamanis, Ms Hughes, Ms Pierce, Mr Tzimourtas, Ms Butler, Ms Danckert and Ms Ilott for their support throughout this whole event. Of course, we should not forget Ms Witorz, Mr Walters and Mr Williams for giving up one of their specialist lesson to support the celebrations. Great team effort!

The French Film Festival

The excursions happened on 3 different dates for the various year levels. The Year 9-12 students attended the first excursion on Thursday 12/3, followed by the Year 8 level on Monday 16/3 and finally the Year 7 level had theirs on Thursday 19/3. All 3 days were very enjoyable and students loved the movies they watched. Years 7, 9-12 students watched one of all time classic in the "Asterix" series: "Asterix and the Mansion of Gods – known as "Asterix, Le Domaine des Dieux" in French; whereas the Year 8 students were thrilled with another story about Little Nicholas – "Les
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vacances du Petit Nicholas”, portraying his mischievous adventures with friends at a beach resort.

The VCE French Immersion Camp at Portsea

On the weekend of 13th to 15th March, both Bailey and Ebony attended the VCE French Immersion Camp this year. It was a prestigious opportunity offered by the Alliance Française de Melbourne in collaboration with the Department of Education. Attending a government school, the students were privileged to be awarded $300 funding from the Department of Education to cover the cost for the camp.

For students, the main objective in attending this camp was to improve their French language skills. Held in the beautiful surroundings of Portsea, the camp was orientated around increasing students’ knowledge and awareness of the French culture as well as developing skills for exam preparation.

Although a bit apprehensive before attending the camp, Bailey and Ebony came back quite positive. They felt that the camp not only accomplished what they expected, but it went further. They experienced the French culture through the excellent French meals and wonderful accommodation, including the beautiful scenery by the beach, which everyone really enjoyed. Other aspects of the camp allowed for friendships to be formed between students from other schools; the environment was rather fun with a challenging, but safe atmosphere. In fact, the teachers were wonderful and very supportive throughout the whole camp. They provided fun activities and spoke only in French all the time.

For those who wish to continue their French studies to VCE, I would definitely recommend this camp to you. It will give you valuable skills and knowledge as well as boost your confidence with the French language. I would really encourage you to grab this wonderful opportunity!

Mrs Bibi Peerbux
French teacher
Year 10 Literature - SELMA

On Thursday 5th March the Year 10 Literature class went on an excursion to see the film *Selma*. We had just been studying poetry which had raised some issues about human rights and race relations, so it was interesting to segue into the 1960s in the deep south of America. The film portrays the protests in the small town of Selma, Alabama, led by Martin Luther King, for the right for voting equality. The portrayal of Martin Luther King was powerful, and the depiction of the context was very evocative.

Here are some comments from the students on the day:

“It was very eye-opening.”

“The courage of those people was amazing. We take a lot for granted.”

“Selma caused viewers to reflect and acknowledge the past... and perhaps reminded them to be thankful that we no longer have that type of racism in our societies today and appreciate diversity and acceptance of different cultures.”

“Selma is an informative, touching historical drama based on true events. The acting in this film is exceptional and the protest scenes are very memorable, particularly the second march on the bridge.”

“The film comes together to highlight the discriminating circumstances that occurred in the 1960s. Looking behind the main themes explored in the film such as politics, segregation and basics human rights, the film also puts us in a position to realise the struggles and obstacles Dr King went through and the toll it had taken on the people around him, including his family and his marriage. It also takes us through the negotiations King underwent within his own political, racial, and religious groups in order to achieve his main goal for the people.”

Ms Rachael Pierce

VCE Top Designs - Food Technology

During the last week of first term our Food Technology teacher Mrs Smith and Design Technology teacher Mr McIntyre organised for Year 11 and 12 Food classes to visit Top Designs at the Melbourne Museum and the Food class also visited Movida Restaurant in Hosier Lane.

David Roberts, head chef at Movida, was school captain at Mordialloc College in 1999 and each year we have had the opportunity to visit the Spanish Tapas bar. Dave is a very talented chef who talked to us about his passion and knowledge in Spanish food preparation. It was inspiring to see where the opportunities offered by Mordialloc College Food Technology classes can actually lead an interested and motivated student. It was interesting to hear about how a real restaurant works. We listened to Dave talk about ordering food, the workings of the kitchen and the influences on menu selection and watched behind the scenes as the busy chefs prepared for the lunch time rush. It was great to see the chefs’ dedication to their food and much thanks and appreciation is sent to Dave from all the Year 11/ 12 Food Technology students. As a school community we should congratulate him on his hard work to be working as head chef for such a fantastic Melbourne restaurant.

We then caught the tram to Top Designs at the Melbourne Museum for inspiration for our upcoming folios. These are the top folios for 2014 and are a great source of motivation for all the Design and Technology students.

We have been very lucky to have had these experiences.

Ashleigh Roach
Year 12 Food Technology
NOTICE TO HIGH ACHIEVING GRADE 6 STUDENTS

SEAL exam registration

Give your talented child the best educational opportunity

Mordialloc College is among an exclusive group of schools belonging to the Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools. We provide the Select Entry Accelerated Learning program (SEAL) for motivated and academically advanced students Years 7 to 12. This challenging program enriches student learning and potential. We place particular emphasis on VCE subject selection and pathways to University.

To undertake the compulsory examination for Mordialloc's SEAL program, students must register online at www.mscsc.vic.edu.au by Monday 20 April.

Information sessions at the Open Day and Open Night events

Compulsory Registrations close Monday 20th April
No late applications can be accepted.
Compulsory Exam is held on Thursday 23rd April 1.30-4.00pm

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Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015

Many girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Argentina, Finland and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them and can afford an extra member at the family table. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

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.

News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

On a Wednesday and Thursday mornings Occasional Care from 9am to 1pm offers 4 hours of quality care for children - from babies to five year olds.

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.

Our Playgroup returns on Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am and our NEW Playgroup leader Annabelle looks forward to welcoming families - come and join the fun and make new friends.

Lots of ways to get fit at the Centre in 2015, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Gentle Exercise and Line Dancing.

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