Dear Families and Community Members,

**Student Principal for a Day**

This year our students had the opportunity to participate in Student Principal for a Day which is a national initiative of the Principals Australia Institute. Interested students were required to submit to me an expression of interest – in 100 words or less - explaining why they would like to be Principal for a Day. The applications were judged by the Principal Class team. Holly MacMillan in Year 8 was the winner and Kai Herbert in Year 9 came second, thus they were duly appointed Principal and Assistant Principal for the day. Their “day in power” was held on June 4th and they had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities together. They appreciated the fact that they needed to work as a team to effectively complete the tasks assigned to them and thoroughly enjoyed the experience (even yard duty!). I would like to congratulate them both on their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the day and their preparedness to step outside their comfort zone to challenge themselves.

**Homework Guidelines**

The College believes that to promote student engagement with their learning, some homework should be set and done regularly under the coordination of the teacher. The work completed at home by a student is a vital and necessary extension of the class lessons to enable them to consolidate and reinforce the work covered during the day. This is best done some hours after the lesson and when the student is alone. Students’ work at home is divided into two categories: **HOME STUDY**: students should independently follow up on class work to ensure that work is understood and relevant facts are committed to memory as a foundation for future learning, and **HOMEWORK**: which is a task set by the teacher or the completion of work not finished in class.

Home study should be done each night. Consistent study through the year is essential for success in the senior years and the habit of home study must be set in the middle school years. The student planner (diary) is an important tool for students to plan their work commitments and for parents as a means of communication between teacher and parents.

Time spent in home study will vary with individuals and the following amounts of time are a guide to the time the student should spend on home study and homework most nights of the week.

**Homework Hours**

| Year 7 | 1 hour |
| Year 8 | 1 hour |
| Year 9 | 1½ hours |
| Year 10 | 2 hours |
| Year 11 | 2½ hours |
| Year 12 | 3 hours |

*If parents are worried about too much homework or lack of it they should contact the relevant Home Group Teacher in Year 7 or 8 and the Year Level Coordinator in Years 9-12.*

Home study provides further opportunities for parents to participate in their child’s education by:

1. Providing suitable conditions for study. Students need a quiet place, with adequate equipment (table, chair) and lighting.
2. Taking an active interest in the work set. Check the student planner (helping your children to use it systematically to record tasks to be done). Use the student planner as a means of communication between you and individual teachers.
3. Taking note of due dates (put them on your household calendar too) and see that the work is actually done.
4. Getting to know your children’s work habits. Pace of work varies from person to person. Some students work better in the morning, others at night. Make allowances for these individual preferences.

5. Helping your children to find a suitable balance between the time spent on school work, sport, entertainment, part-time job, household chores and other activities.

6. Encouraging your household to work co-operatively. Parents and students need to realise each other’s needs and to work together to achieve family ambitions and goals.

7. Students should be aware of the world around them so they should be encouraged to read widely, including the daily newspapers.

**Excellent Feedback about our Students**

Over the past couple of weeks there have been many positive comments made about our students out in the community and within school. Our Year 9 students out on community service a couple of weeks ago really impressed the numerous local organisations they were placed in and a group of Year 10 students assisted Aspendale Gardens PS with the running of their Athletics Carnival and earned high praise. We held a whole school assembly for Reconciliation Day, with representatives from the community attending and last week we hosted visitors from a private school in NSW who again commented on the exemplary behaviour and maturity of our students. I include one comment received below from a City of Kingston Council representative.

“Your students are fabulous and the future is in good hands when you see and hear such respectful, intelligent young people. You and your staff are to be congratulated for fostering such a wonderful culture and learning environment”.

**Asbestos**

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact Reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the college’s asbestos register.

Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. Our regular checks for asbestos help to ensure that we continue to provide a safe working environment for all members of the Mordialloc College community.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe and, as children’s safety is our number one priority, this is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

As part of the Department’s Occupational Health and Safety Management System and to fulfil the obligations with WorkSafe Victoria, the Department is currently undertaking an asbestos labelling program in Victorian schools over the next few years. Labelling of approximately 400 schools by the end of this financial year will be undertaken by Department representatives. These labels will be placed at the entrances to buildings with known asbestos containing materials and also the entrance to the school’s Reception area, to remind people to contact Reception prior to undertaking any works at the school.

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Michelle Roberts
Principal

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**Are you an ex-student of Mordialloc College?**

**Or do you know someone who is?**

We are working with the Mordialloc College Alumni Facebook site to discuss ways that we could work together to digitise the College’s archives in preparation for our centenary in 2024.

You can request access to the site by visiting: **www.facebook.com/groups/mordialloccollege**.

Please spread the word to anyone with connections to the school.

We hope to have some of the material ready to showcase at our 90th **birthday celebration on Friday 17 October**. We are collecting and building an archive and memorabilia display in the Hub for this occasion.

*Former students sorting through memorabilia in the Hub this week.*
Thursday 26 June

Wear your tracky dacks and help the SRC raise money for kids in hospital.  *TLC for kids* campaign nationally to assist children who are sick long term in hospital. Trackies represent wellness and normality as kids in hospital are encouraged each morning to get out of their pyjamas to keep a healthy mindset.

**Dack up and donate for this worthy cause.**

This is an SRC fund raising event.

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**BRIGHTON BOWLS CLUB – DENDY STREET BRIGHTON**

Sunday 20 July

11.00am – 2.00pm

Help our Year 11 students help those less fortunate in Cambodia. Mitchell McKellar is one of 6 students raising money to go on a humanitarian assignment.

Games of bowls in the indoor heated greens.

1 sausage, rissole, bread and soft drink each.

 Coaching and Equipment

Only 100 spaces available so be quick to book.

*See MsMuir before school or at lunch to pay for your ticket – cash only – sorry.*
Mordialloc College & Parkdale SC

Careers Expo

Wednesday 18th June 2014
1.30 - 6.30pm

All Year 9 –12 students & their families welcome

EXHIBITORS
- ACU University
- AIE
- Australian Defence Force
- Boxhill TAFE / CAE
- Deakin University
- Chisholm Institute
- Elite Athlete College
- Holmesglen
- JMC
- Kangan School of Fashion
- Lattitude
- La Trobe
- Melbourne Polytechnic - NMIT
- Master Trade organisations
- MIBT
- Monash University
- RMIT
- Sarina Russo Apprenticeships
- Student Exchange Australia NZ
- Swinburne University
- Victoria University
- William Angliss
- Youth Connect
- Youth & Health services
  and more...

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FORUM - INFO AND
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**Wednesday 18 June**
**6.30 - 8.15pm**
McKinnon Secondary College
291a McKinnon Road, McKinnon.
Book complimentary tickets at www.justbu.com.au

FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN MORDIALLOC

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

**Thursday, 19th June - 7.30pm**
Woodlands Golf Club
109 White Street
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information

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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.