College Principal’s Report

Term 3 is possibly the busiest of the year in some respects as the students prepare for the final exams and make choices about their future pathways. As the term ends our senior students are preparing for their final exams. It is very important that they use their time well during the holidays. I know some of our staff are running some extra sessions in the holidays and there are also study lectures provided externally that students can attend.

Planning is well underway for the 2016 school year. All students should have submitted their subject selections for next year. I would like to congratulate the Pathways team for all of their hard work and guidance in supporting the students in making very important decisions about their 2016 course.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews were held on Thursday 10 September at the Senior Campus. We were thrilled with the turn out. Peter Tonis did contact the Whittlesea Council and tried to negotiate a deal with respect to parking. While they didn’t get back to him, I believe they didn’t appear to book anyone. We will continue to try and resolve a better solution for the future.

SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Last month the Smoke Free Policy was updated and ratified by School Council. MPSC recognises the danger smoking and passive smoking causes to health, as well as the need for the school and its staff to provide positive role models to students. For the protection of staff and students, and in accordance with new laws, smoking is not permitted within any area of the school property, nor at any school related activity or function by students, staff or visitors. I have included this policy in this newsletter and ask that parents support us in its implementation.

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR SONG AND DANCE 15

The Mill Park Secondary College annual concert “Song and Dance 15” will be held in Week 2 of Term 4, it will involve musical and dance performances by students from Year 7—VCE. It will include performances such as dancing, choirs, solo performances, brass/percussion ensembles and bands.

When: Wednesday 14 October 2015
Time: 7:30pm - 9:45pm
Where: Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, 35 Ferres Blvd, South Morang
Ticket prices: Student / Concession $8.00 and Adults $10.00
Tickets can be purchased from the General Office or online at www.trybooking.com/JAQY.

SEXTING

‘Sexting’ means sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (eg by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences.

For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years. It doesn’t matter if your child took their own photo and willingly sent or published it. You cannot ‘give someone permission’ to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in your child being placed on the sex offender’s register.

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them.

If you require further support, please speak to the Campus Principal or Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator.
MILL PARK RECOGNISES EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS (ESO’S)

August was Education Support Staff Recognition Month. The ESO’s are very ably lead by Julie Wolfe. Their roles include office staff, integration aides, IT support, student welfare coordinators, the facilities team, library technicians, laboratory assistants, careers support team and many others. I know that staff, students and parents agree we have a fantastic team. The ESOS were invited to a special afternoon tea at a local cafe as acknowledgement of the very important work they do.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It seems that the warmer weather is well timed with the holidays. Enjoy a safe and restful break.

Term 4 commences on Monday 5 October.

PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

“ROYAL SOUTH STREET”, “KOOL SKOOLS” AND “SONG & DANCE”

Students at Mill Park have been very busy in the Performing Arts. Senior Music students performed at the Royal South Street Eisteddfod in Ballarat on Wednesday 1 September. The Senior Music students competed in both Jazz and Contemporary band sections.

On Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 September selected Music students attended Studio 52 to record 12 songs for our Kool Skools recording experience. This year’s CD features a range of musical styles including acoustic ballads, contemporary rock, cover songs and electronic digital music. We are looking forward to the final product.

We also have many music and dance students across the College involved in rehearsals preparing for the annual “Song and Dance” concert to be held on Wednesday 14 October at Plenty Ranges Theatre. Students involved in this activity will receive more detailed information prior to the end of term. If rehearsals are any indication, the night will be very entertaining. Please look out for concert and booking information.

The date for the MYC End of Year Music Night has been set for Thursday 19 November. Students involved in music lessons and ensembles at MYC have also begun to prepare their performances. The evening will be held in the MYC library and family, staff and friends are welcome to attend. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Mrs Wendy Nagel, Assistant Manager of the Arts

REMINDER—PARENT SURVEY

(FROM THE COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE)

We are aiming to build a stronger school community and we would like to hear your thoughts on how we could enhance connections between students, families and the College.

Please complete this short, anonymous survey to help us.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CG_tZ9c1ulUsc8h-k-s5AxWpcoNhkwCuW8jnYNLZyk/viewform?usp=send_form

You can also access the link from the Sentral Parent Portal. The survey will stay open until Monday 5 October.

Kelli MacDonald, on behalf of the Community Subcommittee
**Preamble**

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**Aims**

- To be consistent with the requirements of the DET and State Laws.
- To ensure that all students and staff are made aware of the dangers of smoking and the effects on the body.
- To ensure that a fair and reasonable process for responding to incidents of smoking is developed, understood and consistently followed.

**Implementation**

- As per Department requirements, from 13 April 2015, smoking is be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987*.
- Possession and/or use of cigarettes by students on school grounds, or outside school grounds whilst wearing school uniform is completely prohibited.
- Staff members and visiting members of the community are not permitted to smoke on school property and are encouraged to be positive role models and to not display or promote their personal habits by example. Staff who require support complying with the ban are encouraged to use the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and contact Converge International (1800-337-069)
- Student use of cigarettes whilst on school related activities such as camps or excursions is completely prohibited.
- The health risks associated with smoking will form part of the Pastoral Care curriculum for all students. Informed choices about smoking will feature amongst the harm minimisation strategies employed in the school’s Pastoral Care curriculum and Welfare system. If necessary arrange training workshops with Quit Victoria (9635-5529) on how to support staff and young people to quit.
- No Smoking signs will be erected and maintained at various locations throughout the College including entrances. This policy will be communicated to the community via the newsletter and Pastoral Care Program.

**SPECIFIC RESPONSES**

Students found smoking, in possession of cigarettes, buying cigarettes from other students or supplying cigarettes to other students, or as a bystander in the company of smokers, anywhere in the school environment or whilst travelling to or from school, will be liable to a range of consequences dependent on the circumstance and whether or not previous offences have been recorded, at the discretion of the Principal.

This range includes;

**First incident:**

- Inform parents via phone call
- Official warning
- Incident report recorded
- Educative conversation with the Year Level Coordinator
- Community service
- Exclusion from area where smoking occurred
Second incident:
- Inform parents/guardian via phone call and formal letter
- Incident report recorded
- Referral to welfare team for counselling
- QUIT information supplied to student
- Exclusion from area where smoking occurred
- After school detention issued by Year Level Coordinator

Third incident:
- Incident report recorded
- Formal letter to parent/guardian
- Suspension from school
- Student Support Group convened with the student, parent/guardian, Year Level Coordinator and SWC

Continued
If the behaviour continues the student will be suspended for each further incident and support outlined above to continue. In extreme circumstances a student may be expelled.

Related Documents
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Guidelines
- Student Behaviour Management Policy
- Drug Education Policy

Related Links
DET Smoking Ban 2015

Smoke Free Schools Tobacco Prevention and Management Guidelines for Victorian Schools. Tobacco Prevention Education Curriculum Materials – A Classroom Approach for Teachers: Years 5 to 9

Tobacco Act 1987

Ratified Date
This Policy was ratified by School Council on 4 August 2015

Review Date
This policy will be reviewed as part of the College’s three year review cycle
Even though final exams are fast approaching for our Year 12’s, there is still plenty of time to study, revise and make improvements to their learning. Senior students should take some time to rest and recharge the batteries; however they should also plan significant time for revision and study. To assist with this, many of our teachers are running holiday classes (timetable below). Students who attend these classes should enter the Campus via car park 2 near the library before heading to the prearranged room. Parents of Year 12’s should encourage their students to attend these holiday classes, as they provide an excellent boost to students preparation.

**ADVOCACY WEEK**

The Senior Campus has hosted Advocacy Week between the 7th and 11th of September. Organised by the SRC, the students and staff have been advocating for gender equality, an end to domestic violence and sexual diversity. The week was developed by the Charitable Events Committee, in response to the City of Whittlesea’s campaign against domestic violence in the municipality. The week was launched by Councillor Ricky Kirkham, Mayor of the City of Whittlesea (and a former MPSC student) at a small event of student advocates. Students were given the facts about gender inequality and domestic violence in the City of Whittlesea, as well as information about how they can speak up in support of students affected by these issues.

Other events held during the week included a Karaoke event, Trivia, a Year 10 Assembly about positive relationships and a Year 11 assembly with guest speakers from White Ribbon, The City of Whittlesea and the Salvation Army. A huge thank you to the Charitable Events Committee of the SRC, the StandOut group and Ashley Stillman-Foster for organising the events. Also special thanks to Liam Gallagher for organising media involvement and the visit from the Mayor.

**MOOTING AND DEBATING**

This week our school has once again been involved in the Latrobe University Mooting (mock trial) program, held by the Faculty of Law at Latrobe University. A team of senior students were invited to participate in a moot against schools such as Gladstone Park, Charles Latrobe and Bendigo Senior Secondary College. Our team made up of Sarah Bux and Idil Mumin wrapped up the preliminary rounds easily on Tuesday 8 September, before controversially going down in the final to Charles Latrobe, on the evening of Thursday 10 September. The final was held at the Federal Court. Congratulations to all of the students involved, and to Sonia Loudon for all of her training and organisational work.

We also have great news on the debating front. Our Year 12 debating team reached the Octo Stage in the A grade section of the DAV, which puts them in the top 8 schools in Victoria from over 200 schools. Reegan Quick, Marvad Ahad and Tayla Macdonald did an amazing job, but narrowly went down in the quarter final last week. Thanks again to Ms Loudon for her great work with all of the debating teams.
VCAL PDS — ELITE GYMNAST VISIT

The VCAL PDS class invited elite gymnast, Georgia Bonora, to talk to Year 11’s. She engaged the year group talking about her career of hard work, dedication and perseverance, from the age of five. She has competed at the World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympics, winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at 2010’s Commonwealth Games in Delhi. Georgia has now retired due to injury, but gave us a small demonstration of her abilities at the end of her talk.

Maria Szuman

SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL TEAM
STOUSH AT STATE

The Senior Girls Netball Team endured a gruelling day at the State Competition held in Waverly on Monday 7 September. With only 7 players attending – which equated to no substitutions, the ‘Mill Park Mustangs’ won their first match 38 – 23 against Emmanuel College. Unfortunately, the other two games got the better of them – losing to Berwick Secondary College (19 - 30) and Wangaratta High School (23 - 29). The final came down to Maribyrnong College vs. Bendigo Senior Secondary College, where Bendigo took out the flag. Congratulations to the captain, Maighan Corp and fellow Year 12 student, Nicole Tamburini for their valuable contributions to the team.

Karen Arnold

VCE PHILOSOPHY GUEST SPEAKER

On Tuesday 25 August, our Year 11 and 12 Philosophy students welcomed guest speaker Dr Bernadette Tobin to MPSC. Bernadette is a bioethicist and director of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics in Sydney.

During our lesson, Bernadette shared her in depth knowledge of Aristotle with us and engaged all students with a number of ethical dilemmas that really made us think.

Thank you to Dr Tobin for taking time out of her busy schedule to work with us.

Philippa McIlroy
Year 12 Philosophy Teacher
FOOD TECHNOLOGY

As part of Unit 2 Food Technology ‘Planning and Preparing Meals’, Year 11 students are given the challenge of preparing a two course meal for two adults on a budget of $15! Students at first were sceptical that this could be achieved, however once they completed their recipe and costing research, they were pleasantly surprised.

The students devised and prepared some very tasty and beautifully presented dishes, I was very proud of their culinary and thrifty efforts! Well done

Ms Christine Usher

Kathleen and Monique prepared: marinated soy chicken and two tone chocolate mousse

Deeana and Kristen prepared: beef kofta with tabouli and tzatziki and lemon and yoghurt cake

Teresa and Julia prepared: five spice chicken with couscous and pavlova with seasonal fruits

ENGLISH - MACBETH

On Thursday 3 September Year 9 SEAL English students and Year 10 English/EAL students attended an interactive performance of Shakespeare’s Macbeth. Students enthusiastically participated in the performance in supporting roles, and later commented that the performers’ use of Shakespearean English and ‘modern’ English encouraged them to better understand the play’s characters and key concerns.

Felicity Gordon, College English / EAL

YEAR 12 VTAC TIMELY APPLICATIONS

Year 12 students are reminded that if they are wishing to apply for University or TAFE for 2016, that they need to apply to VTAC before Wednesday 30 September. Students should be aware of how to apply as they have participated in class presentations and workshops via Pastoral classes and in their Study Centre sessions throughout Term 3. There is a one off cost of $29.00 and this can all be done online via www.vtac.edu.au. If students need extra assistance, don’t hesitate to contact the Careers Team. By applying to VTAC students enhance the options available to them post-secondary.

Josie Vickers and Jayne Mitchell, Careers Team
MY Campus Principal’s Report

STUDENT & CLASS AWARDS FOR TERM THREE

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their Home Group teachers for their efforts and improvements throughout the term and the four students at each year level nominated for their commitment to our four College Values.

YEAR 7

Term 3 – Homegroup Awards
(Student of the term Principal Award)
7AE Maddison Clarke
7AS Emily Paolucci
7AW Barbara Faro
7CE Elisha Chung
7BS Jayden Jankulovski
7BR Tharshika Srikamalanathan
7AR Kenneth Feng
7BE Mitchell Fry

Values Awards
Respect: Matthew Lozevski 7BR
Enjoyment: Zuwal Rasheed 7CE
Achievement: Gabriela Prifti 7AE
Responsibility: Jazz Webb 7BW

YEAR 8

Term 3 – Homegroup Awards
(Student of the term Principal Award)
8AW Daniel Yaghmoor
8BS Tina Huynh
8BE Rachel Dihayco
8AE Alyssa Rigni
8BW Eloise Coucill.
8BR Tala Messade and Haylee Cramp
8AR Alex Little
8AS Dalebiir Gill

Values Awards
Responsibility: Mitchell Lachimia 8AR
Achievement: Cooper Smith 8AR
Enjoyment: Alin Mazloum 8AW
Respect: Ashlee Kociski 8AS

YEAR 9

Term 3 – Homegroup Awards
(Student of the term Principal Award)
9AW Timothy Liew
9BR Marc Watkins
9AS Dylan Haggie
9CW Emily Curtis
9BS Seonaid McCormack
9BE Chloe Bitonti
9AE Lauren McCann
9CR Hanan El Haouli
9AR Yara Jniedi
9BW Regina Choussou
9CS Jarrod Lang

Values Awards
Respect: Amy Smith 9AW
Responsibility: Annaliese Campbell 9AS
Achievement: Thomas Walsh 9CR
Enjoyment: Jack Hoar 9BE

HOME GROUP CHALLENGE

Each term we continue to run the Home Group Challenge where classes are randomly checked throughout the week to ensure they are meeting the following requirements;

- Arriving to class on time
- Bringing all required equipment to each subject, including their diary
- Wearing correct College uniform

Points are awarded at each check based on the number of students who have met these requirements. All points are then tallied at the end of the term and the winning Home Group is awarded a lunch and movie on the last day of term.

Congratulations to the three winning home groups for term three:
This term has been super jam packed with loads of activities for the Year 8 cohort. From Humanities excursions, self-defense, ONTTTC, YMCA program, cyberbullying awareness talks to 30 day challenges, the Year 8’s have worked extremely hard and have at all times upheld the school values.

On Tuesday an assembly was held to reward students and Home Groups of their fantastic achievement this term. We would like to congratulate all students who received Student of the Term (Principal Awards) and Values Awards.

HOME GROUP CHALLENGE

Each term we run a Home Group Challenge where each week year 8’s are checked for uniform, arriving on time, bringing diaries to class and having correct equipment. Students within their home group accumulate points and at the end of each term are rewarded with a hot chip lunch and a movie.

This term’s winner was 8AW. A huge congratulation to this group of students who have worked extremely hard to achieve their award.

Students are reminded for next term to continue to work hard, uphold the school values and to continue to be excellent leaders within our school.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Students are encouraged, if they already haven’t already, to get involved in the Year 8 camp held next term at Waratah Bay. The camp runs from Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 December. Activities include surfing, swimming, visiting Wilson’s Prom, beach volleyball, campfires, movie nights and night nature walks.

Students can collect permission forms and information from the front office and pay a $50.00 deposit to secure a place on this amazing camp. Camp costs approximately $385.00 in total and there are plenty of places left for camp.

Any questions in regards to camp please feel free to contact Ms Phillipa McIlroy.

We hope all Year 8’s rest up for a fun filled term 4.

Mrs Magdalani and Mr Patterson, Year 8 Level Coordinators
The Year 9 High Resolves project is coming to a close. The students took on the project of addressing ‘Homelessness’. As well as organising guest speakers from the Salvation Army to come and address the year level cohorts regarding the topic, the team also decided to organise a food drive to collect non-perishable items that could be donated to the Salvation Army. For many days the foyer of the Middle Years Campus was overflowing with boxes and bags of an enormous amount of generously donated items from our student’s families. The team also combined with the SRC to raise money for the Salvation Army via an Out of Uniform Day and lunchtime BBQ.

Some quotes from students in their feedback / evaluation on the program include:

“I would recommend it to students who are interested in leadership or want to learn skills on becoming a good leader.”

“I recommend the program to other students because you befriend people and learn many ways of becoming a leader and it’s actually really fun!”

“I would recommend this program to other students because it shows and teaches how to resolve conflict, become a better leader, and learn new leader skills.”

“I would recommend the program as it is a good way for students to learn and build upon their leadership skills. The programs project is a great way for all the students to get involved and make a difference within the school community.”

“I would definitely recommend this program to other students as it is an experience that is worthwhile that has important lessons to learn that help build you as a leader. It is also fun and skill building.”

As the SEAL/Extension Program Coordinator, I had the privilege of taking three Year 8 SEALs along to Box Hill High School for the TAASS Coordinators Day on Friday 4 September, to work with other students in workshops that covered three different areas of interest. Jack Thorne, Anabella Montalvao and Suhas Kararia worked with other Year 8 SEAL students from around Victoria on Engineering, Creative Writing and Algorithm activities. They were truly wonderful ambassadors for our school! Congratulations for your excellent behaviour and teamwork, it was great to see some long distance friendships being forged and great minds coming together.

Mrs Mereos
SEAL and Extension Coordinator
NEW COURSES IN 2016:

- Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)/Bachelor of Property and Real Estate – The first three years of this 5-year course will be taught at Burwood, the last two at Geelong. Info: www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses/course.php?course=D336&stuniv=local.
- The Bachelor of Arts has new majors and minors; there are now over 30 study areas to choose from. New areas: education, film and television, gender studies, geography, motion capture, sport and society, studies of religions, sustainability and society and visual communication design.
- The new fisheries and aquaculture major sequence in the Bachelor of Science gives students training in fisheries resource management, aquaculture management and fisheries biology. It is available at Warrnambool, replacing the Bachelor of Fisheries and Aquaculture. Info: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/bachelor-of-science. The new Bachelor of Design Technology - Design entrepreneurship and innovation are the core focus of this program and, when enabled by the corresponding technologies, will provide graduates with the design and technology acumen that is highly sought-after in industry. See: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/design-technology.

CHANGES FOR 2016

- All four engineering courses (civil, electrical and electronics, mechanical and mechatronics) will now offer first year only at the Melbourne campus with the rest of the course completed at Geelong (Waurn Ponds) campus.
- The combined Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science/Bachelor of Business (Sports Management) will be offered at the Geelong Waurn Ponds campus as well as Melbourne
- The Bachelor of Creative Arts (Photography), Creative Arts (Visual Arts) and Creative Arts (Visual Communication Design) now require a digital folio as part of the selection process; See: www.deakin.edu.au/create

WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE NEWS – William Angliss has been awarded $4.47 million in funding from the Victorian government to develop skills of the tourism and hospitality industries. The finding includes $2.27m for a regional tourism employability initiative where William Angliss will partner with regional TAFEs to provide tourism and hospitality training. A second grant of $1.74m has been awarded for the Institute to launch Melbourne's first International Hotel School to train the next generation of hotel management professionals.

BOX HILL INSTITUTE NEWS

- CREATIVE ARTS INFORMATION SESSIONS - Sessions are being offered in a range of Creative Arts courses at Box Hill including graphic design, fashion design and merchandising, live production, theatre and events, and in music – sound production, composition and music industry. When: 7.30-pm, Wed 2 Sept; Where: Building 4, Room 127, 1000 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill.
- AUDITION & FOLIO PREPARATION WORKSHOP – A three-hour workshop covering graphic design, fashion, dance, live production, audio production and music programs including composition and performance will be held to assist applicants in preparing themselves for the audition process. Cost: $35.00 When: 10am -1pm, Mon 21 Sept (holidays); Where: 1000 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill. Info: Annie, Ph 9286 9811, a.ryall@boxhill.edu.au.
NEW AT RMIT – RMIT is offering two new degrees in 2016:

- The Bachelor of Engineering (Automotive Engineering) (Honours)/Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours) double degree is a specialised program that addresses the ongoing demand for automotive engineers with an industrial design background. It is being offered due to the changing landscape of automotive manufacturing.
- The Bachelor of Analytics (Honours) provides students with complementary skills in analytics, tapping into studies in statistics, operations research, computer science, information technologies, business, economics, finance and marketing.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNI NEWS

- NEW COURSE IN 2016 – ACU’s new Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Exercise Science course is now available for application through VTAC. It is expected that other new courses will be added to the VTAC website shortly (eg Bachelor of Law/Bachelor of Psychological Science).

PHYSIOTHERAPY IN 2017 – As announced previously, ACU (Ballarat campus) is introducing the Bachelor of Physiotherapy at its Ballarat campus in 2017. Current Year 12 students who are interested in this degree in 2017 might take a gap year, volunteer or study a different course whilst waiting to apply in 2016 for the 2017 start. Suggested pathways into the new degree are through the Early Achievers Program (EAP), or alternatively students might consider applying for another ACU course that has a lower Clearly-In. An internal transfer could then be considered if eligible (eg occupational therapy, and speech pathology have two first year units in common with physiotherapy, or study nursing, exercise and sports science or physical activity and health which have one first year subject in common). NOTE: There will be no mid-year entry to physiotherapy, and there are no plans for the course to be taught at the Melbourne campus of ACU.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS

- EXPLORE VU SERIES - Discover opportunities at VU at Explore VU. These are evening sessions (6.30-8pm) exploring Health and Biomedicine (3 Sept), Law and Justice (8 Sept), Education (10 Sept), Exercise and Sports Science (15 Sept), Arts (17 Sept), Business (22 Sept) and Engineering and Science (24 Sept). Info: 1300 842 864. Book: www.vu.edu.au/news-events/