From the College Principal

Dear Parents/Students,

Over the last fortnight, we have had a selection of significant events taking place across the campuses, in addition to the already busy curricular activities that are now well underway. On February 10, a large number of Year 7 parents attended the Values Immersion Program (VIP) parent seminar, with acclaimed international speaker Darren Pereira. As well as this, we had a great parent turnout to the Music Expo and Year 7 Camp Information evening on the following Monday – February 15. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who were able to get to these events, as well as those who were keen to attend but unable to do so, as this sends a strong message to your child that we are in fact partners in their education and that we place a high degree of value and importance on this fact. The feedback from these events was overwhelmingly positive, and further information is attached in reports later in this newsletter.

Similarly, we had another strong representation from students, as well as some fantastic and enthusiastic participation, in the annual College Swimming Carnival. Despite the mixed weather, we had around 500 students present on the day swimming and/or supporting their Houses. Congratulations on a great day and many thanks to the many staff involved in preparation and supervision on this day.

School Council elections

I would like to encourage parents, particularly those new to our school community, to consider applying for a position on the Yarra Hills Secondary College School Council. Involvement as a School Councillor is a rewarding endeavour and gives participants not only an insight into the machinations involved in running a multi-campus school, but an opportunity to have some say in the direction and decisions made across the college. I strongly encourage you to consider this, as the tenure of many current councillors expires in the coming weeks and others will depart as their youngest child has left the school. Information in regard to this process is enclosed later in this newsletter.
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Applications closing February 29

A reminder to those families who may be eligible for Government CSEF funding that you need to have completed and lodged the forms by February 29, which is next Monday. Late applications may result in delayed access to eligible funding.

Whooping Cough

We have been notified of some cases of whooping cough in the local communities. As this is an infectious disease, it is important that you monitor your own child(ren) for any symptoms and seek medical treatment if necessary. It is essential that parents notify us if any case of whooping cough is discovered and confirmed. Health department rules require any infectious students to remain away from school until medical clearance is given allowing them to return. Further information is available on the following website:


Birmingham Primary School – Student Leadership Awards 2016

Birmingham Primary School Presentation – I was also proud to again be invited to Birmingham Primary School to present their Student Leadership Awards for 2016. This is the fifth year I have attended this event and I welcome the opportunity to meet these fantastic young people and present them with their respective awards. Additionally, I took the leaders aside and gave them a presentation on leadership skills and attributes over a morning tea. Many thanks again to the Birmingham Primary School community for their warm welcome to me and Yarra Hills.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

A further reminder to parents that we have a BYOD Program across the college, with years 7-9 utilising iPads and years 10-12 able to either purchase a school endorsed device through our school portal (JB Education), or provide a personal device which meets our minimum specifications and requirements. Additionally, some of the reconditioned Netbooks have been made available for re-lease for families who wish to apply to do so. Please contact the Campus Offices to get further information regarding this program.

Compass Parent Portal Information Session

On Thursday 10 March, the College will be running a Compass and Moodle Information Session for parents. This is open to all parents/guardians in the college. A notice will be coming home with all students next week. This will be an opportunity for us to show you:

- How to log-on (& solve logging on problems) with your username and password
- How to navigate the parent portal
- Access Reports
- Look at Newsfeed items
- Review your child’s attendance and approve absences
- Booking Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Darren Trippett
College Principal
From the Mooroolbark Campus Principal

It has been a busy fortnight since my last report. The students have settled in very well, with our new year 7 students getting used to the lockers and having all of their equipment ready for classes. It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the Term already!

We have had a number of events within our community and in particular our campus that I would like to make quick mention of.

VCE/VCAL Study Day

A very big thank you to Karen Phillips, Carolyn Bryant & Debbie Deriboklou for their organisation and running of the VCE & VCAL Study Day. We had a range of speakers present to the students. There was important information on study techniques, looking after your mental and physical wellbeing, as well as presentation skills for the workplace to name just a few.

VIP Seminar

Again we had Darren Pereira speak to our year 7 & 8 parents from both campuses about our Values Immersion Program. Thank you to the parents who came along and showed support for this program on the night. The feedback was very positive. We had our presentation to year 7s last week. We will continue to stress the importance of our school values in the college.

Music Expo & Camp Information Night

Again for year 7 parents, we were lucky enough to have a fabulous evening to share a sausage in bread, hear about the upcoming year 7 camp to Lord Somers, and have our instrumental music staff and students present the music tuition on offer this year. The year 7s also got an opportunity to see the instruments in action on Thursday February 11. I strongly encourage any year 7 parent who is thinking of having their child take part and learn an instrument to do so. As a newcomer to the college, I can honestly say that Richard O'Toole and the music staff do a fabulous job with the bands/ensembles and students get so much out of being involved. There is still time to sign up!

Swimming Carnival

Lastly, whilst the weather wasn’t favourable, we still had great participation and involvement from students in our whole college swimming carnival on Tuesday February 16. Green House were the winners on the day, but Blue and Red weren’t far behind. Thank you to the parents who came along to cheer on their child, and to the Sport Staff for their organisation of the day. Let’s hope we get great weather and even greater participation at our Athletics Day next term.

New Canteen Staff at Mooroolbark Campus

As we begin the year, I would like to welcome our new canteen managers, Danielle Bardrick and Natalie Barnett. I have heard some really positive reports from students and staff about the food and the service. We would like to encourage students to order their food by placing an order at recess. We have included a Mooroolbark Campus Canteen Menu for you to see what's now on offer at the canteen.

Cambridge Road Exit

After some reports from concerned citizens, can I please remind parents that the entrance/exit to Cambridge Road (Gate 2 into the college) is a pedestrian access only. We ask that if you are picking your child up on Cambridge Road that you avoid using the driveway access to neighbouring properties and the exit to the pedestrian crossing, as well as picking up and dropping off on Cambridge Road. Parking in neighbouring streets on the other side of Cambridge Road will again avoid congestion and accidents.

Greg Cowan
Mooroolbark Campus Principal
From the Mt Evelyn Campus Principal

The term seems to be flying way too fast. The year 7 students have well settled in, we have now selected our Peer Support Leaders who are very excited to start working with our year 7 students. Juggle club is now in full swing and students are really enjoying it but realising very quickly that it takes practice to perfect these skills. We held our annual Music Expo and Camp information night last week. It was such an informative night and many students got to try the many musical instruments on display. Our senior concert band were fantastic not only in their playing but also in their assistance in helping the year 7 students try the instruments. Annabelle and Callum spoke very well on the night.

We had some very exciting news last week with Chantelle Mitchell who announced her engagement and Angie Bondarenko who became a grandmother. Congratulations to both!

Also last week Rebecca Dunn and I visited some of our local Primary schools to discuss how we can connect better with each other. We had some fantastic discussions and came away with some great ideas so we're looking forward working more closely with our local Primary schools.

Brrrr…Swimming Sports

On the coldest day in February we held our annual swimming sports. Despite the weather, it certainly didn't dampen student's spirit.

There was so much enthusiasm and it was lovely to see how students got dressed up for the occasion. Last year Red House won but this year the Green Dragons took out the top prize. Congratulations to Demos Koullacas and the PE staff for their organisation of the day. It was such a great day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!
Student Leaders 2016

Our Student Leaders were elected both at the end of last year and earlier this year. I am so proud to announce our student leaders.

**Campus Captains:** Keely Preston, Jacob Edgell

**Campus Vice Captains:** Taylah Gerrard, Owen Forrest

**Performing Arts Captain (Music):** Katherine Rosevear

**Performing Arts Captain (Drama):** Rhys McMillan

**Sports Captains:** Rhys McMillan, Lachie Urquijo

**Sports Vice Captains:** Sabrina Irvine-Jones, Taylah Gerrard, Odessa Rowlands-Taberer

**House Captains:**

- **BLUE:** Steph Allan, Alexander Lomax, Brayden Woolridge, Hailey Hackett, Joanna Trouw, Lachie Johnson, Tyler Barton
- **RED:** Angelique Don, Connor Wilson, Odessa Rowlands-Taberer
- **GOLD:** Mia Cummins, Grace Huisken, Liam O’Sullivan, Isaac Goldsmith, Aidan Martin, Melanie Huisken
- **GREEN:** Jasmine Amos, Aleesa Keenan, Ally Watkins, Hayley Urquijo, Todd Brand, Riley Watkins, Billy Meldrum, James Murray

**Peer Support Leaders:** Rhys McMillan, Sabrina Irvine-Jones

**Odessa Rowlands-Taberer:** Owen Forrest, Isabelle Lane

**Keely Preston:** Tamsin Preston, Katherine Rosevear

**Lachie Urquijo:** Tylah Hull, Calleen Taylor

**Sarah Edwards:** Taylah Gerrard

**SRC Representatives:**

- **Yr 10:** Ruby Barber, Tyler Barton, Lachlan Urquijo, Rhys McMillan
- **Yr 9:** Gaia Mitting, Tim Lewis, Harrison McKie, Hayley Watkins
- **Yr 8:** Anna-Rose Kratochvil, Brayden Woolridge, Riley Watson, Hayden Knox, Kiarra Watson
- **Yr 7:** Grace Huisken, Isaac Goldsmith, Aleesa Keenan, Connor Templeton

Brave Rhys and even braver Katherine!

Two of our year 10 students have put their hand up to raise money for the Leukaemia foundation. We plan to launch this on Friday March 11. Rhys McMillan is planning to temporarily dye his hair and continue raising funds whilst Katherine Rosevear is taking the braver move to shave her head. She has beautiful long thick hair and plans to donate her hair to the Cancer Foundation so it can be remade into a wig. Natural hair, like Katherine’s is always desperately needed to make realistic wigs for people undergoing chemotherapy. It allows patients to feel good about themselves and organisations such as *Look Good Feel Good* do an amazing job in contributing to this. The funds raised by our two brave year 10 students will contribute to the continuous research into combatting this dreadful disease. So much has achieved to date in regard to medical research and I believe one day we will have a cure for cancer. But this will only happen with more research. So I encourage everyone to dig deep and donate to this very worthy cause. Donations can be made to the office at any time before March 10 or clicking on the link [https://goo.gl/PB571k](https://goo.gl/PB571k). We are so proud of Katherine and Rhys for taking this initiative!

Head lice……they’re back!!

With the constant change in temperature recently, hair is the ideal environment for head lice and it has been brought to our attention that a few students are affected by this. Information was sent through compass and given to every students regarding this. We ask all parents to check their child’s head and initiate treatment if necessary. The sooner everyone gets onto this, the quicker we are all going to be free of those pesky critters!

Robyn Dew
Mt Evelyn Campus Principal
**2016 Yarra Hills Swimming Carnival**

Our House Swimming Carnival was held at Croydon Memorial pool on Tuesday 16 February. It started off being a cloudy day but cleared to be a sunny day. It was a fantastic day with a large number of students participating in both the official and novelty events. A huge congratulations to all staff and students. This year it was a 3 way battle between Red Back Spiders, Blue Dolphins and Green Dragons but in the end Green Dragons triumphed with 507 points. Blue Dolphins were second with 456 points, Red Back Spiders third with 449 points and Gold Eagles fourth with 304 points. Our age champions were as follows: 12/13 years Jasmine Amos and Tristan Hall/Brad Allen, 14 years Chelsea Gooren and Darcy Wilmott, 15 years Olivia Grant and James Murray, 16 years Hup Zathang, 17 years Samantha Donazzon and 18/20 years Kirsten Walburg and Cameron Murphy. Tyson Williams also earned a participation award for his efforts in the 15 year old age group.

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**Year 7 Music Expo**

It was wonderful to see so many Year 7 students and parents at the recent Music Expo Evening. Year 7 students had already been introduced to the various musical instruments at their try-out day, and it was great to see students having so much fun playing the instruments at the Music Expo. Thank you to our older musicians who assisted at both the try-outs and on the Expo Evening.

For those parents who were unable to attend the recent Music Expo Evening, it's **NOT TOO LATE** to sign up your son/daughter for music lessons on their chosen instrument. If your child wishes to learn a musical instrument this year, please contact Richard O'Toole, Instrumental Music Director at Yarra Hills, on 0402-912-772 or otoole.richard.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

There are still vacancies for all instruments apart from Drums and Guitar.

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**SENIOR BAND ON SHOW**

The Senior Concert Band will be performing on the main stage at the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival, on **Saturday 19 March**. The band's performance is at 12:30pm in Red Earth Park, so come along and support our music students on the day - some of our senior musicians will also be performing with the Australian Youth Band from 11:00am.
**Year 11 and 12 Study Day**

On Tuesday 9 February, year 11 and 12 students were given the opportunity to experience a wonderful study skills day. Some insightful speakers came out and spoke with us about many different topics during the day, not just study techniques. The energetic team from Success Integrated gave us all very valuable tips and tricks on surviving the school year, along with some very useful exam techniques.

Our next guest was Lizelle who spoke to us about employability skills. During a young person’s life, we may take the opportunity to start a part time job; Lizelle took us through the ins and outs of how to approach an interview and survive the ordeal. Also what you can expect from your employers and what they expect from you as an employee. It was great to hear these things from the mouth of an employer; we all learned so much about the importance of presentation and vital tips to secure employment.

Lunch and Morning Tea were supplied by our new canteen ladies and was delicious.

After lunch Rowan Alexander from the Bendigo Bank gave us a short talk on how banks work; learning the process of how to get a loan and how the mysterious credit card actually works, credit rating and saving for special events. We certainly learned many things that will come in handy!

Ms Bryant taught us many tricks to memorise work next. This will be invaluable as we begin SAC work.

Lastly the school nurse Leigh come spoke to us all about the topic of mental health during VCE; we all know how stressful it can get. Leigh gave us some wonderful advice on how to stay healthy through these tough years.

We also met Cat Strempel who is our new Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator. We were invited to visit her throughout the year for any problems big or small.

Thanks to everyone involved in planning the day. We all benefited from many aspects of the day.

Jess Foley
Year 12 Student

**Montrose Junior Football Club**

**2016 Registration Day**

**BOYS - U8 through to U17**

**GIRLS - U12, U15 & U18**

**Sunday 6th March 2016**

10am till 12 noon

Montrose Recreation Reserve
Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Montrose

Come and meet your coaches, the committee and your team players.

Come to the registration day to secure your place on the team or go to our [www.montrosecfc.org.au](http://www.montrosecfc.org.au) for more information or email montrose.juniors@gmail.com.

We pride ourselves on ensuring a fun, safe and friendly environment for both children & parents. We continually strive to live by our motto “One Club” and grow team spirit, respectful young men and women and true sportsmanship.

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**Asthma Australia**

**Back to School asthma spike**

Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

**Young People and Asthma**

Asthma Australia is working with key organisations supporting young people’s health to help improve asthma health outcomes for 12-25 year olds. A Facebook page, Young People with Asthma – Australia, provides a range of information for these young people and their supporters. Every two months Asthma Australia will also run a Question and Answer session that is proving very popular. Check out the page for our posts and promotion for upcoming Q and A sessions.
School Council Elections 2016

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:

• A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DE&T) employees can be parent members at their child’s school.

• A mandated elected DE&T employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

• An optional community member category. Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DE&T employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

• standing for election as a member of the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The College Principal will issue a notice in the campus bulletin and call for nominations following the commencement term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice and campus bulletin will be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or DE&T employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
• Consider standing for election to council this year.
• Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the campus principal for further information.
Did you know that February 14th is also Library Lovers Day? Well at the Mooroolbark campus we celebrated and showed our love of all things “Library”. The Library staff held a special lunchtime event on the day after February 14th for students to show their love of the Library. Students wrote a love token about what they loved about our campus library and then participated in a Library Lovers Day trivia quiz. It was heartening to see how much “love” knowledge students had for books and the Library and the competition was fierce in answering the questions.

Everyone went away with some sweetheart candy and the winners of the trivia quiz won a special love heart clip. For those students who joined in had a great time and really showed their love for the library in this year’s Library Lovers Day!

May the books be with you...

Ms. Alison Hay
Teacher-Librarian
Mooroolbark campus Library
Yarra Hills Secondary College
Annual Wall Planner 2016

Your child received our Annual Wall Planner recently to take home! If you did not receive one please contact our Administration Staff.

These planners are a fantastic communication tool letting you know all our important School dates over the next 12 months.

If you would like the opportunity to showcase your business on our next planner please do not hesitate to contact Classroom Calendars on 1300 987 650

Please support the community that supports your school. It's easy to find local Traders & Businesses in your Neighbourhood!

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RSPCA
for all creatures great & small
Leave behind a legacy of love

By practicing restraint do you care about animal welfare? Now you always need to help the RSPCA.
A REMINDER

It is a Department requirement that the school is informed of any student absences due to either illness/medical or personal reasons.

Parents may approve their student’s absence by logging onto the school’s Compass Parent Portal or through the Compass App on their phone.

If this is not possible please inform the school office as follows:

**MOOROOLBARK CAMPUS** Please leave a phone message on our Designated Absence line – 9839 8899 or email nye.kym.k@edumail.vic.gov.au (Wed, Thurs, Fri) or rogers.deborah.a@edumail.vic.gov.au (Mon & Tues)

**MT EVELYN CAMPUS** Please call or leave a phone message on 9736 3650 or email kuipers.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Notification would be appreciated prior to 9.00am each morning of the student’s absence. If it is not possible to inform the school in any of the suggested ways on the day, please send a note the following day handed in directly to the office or the homegroup teacher.

Any prior knowledge of a student’s absence due to extended holidays or medical leave should be handed in writing to either office administration staff or the homegroup teacher.

It is a Department requirement that VCE students absent during an Exam, Gat or SAC are to produce a medical certificate for those days.
Yarra Hills Secondary College  
Canteen Menu 2016  
MOOROOLBARK CAMPUS

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