Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a wonderful festive season, with plenty of time with family and friends. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families.

Last Wednesday we welcomed back the staff, who all enthusiastically embraced the opportunity for professional learning and readied themselves for an exciting year ahead. The range of professional learning included, training on Compass for the new Learning Management System, analysis of student achievement results, developing their knowledge of new approaches to their teaching and collaborative planning for the year ahead. It was a very productive two days.

Congratulations to the 2014 students who acquitted themselves in their VCE exams very well. We are proud of their achievements. Our Dux achieved a 97.75 ATAR. Mooroolbark College achieved the highest All Study Score for the Government schools in the area. Across the year level our English results were the best in the area.

NEW COLLEGE LOGO

We now have a new logo. For the first 20 years the logo represented the school and the area. At the time we were very much a rural school in a growing area and the logo reflected this. The College community reviewed this 20 years ago when the College and the community had grown and was thriving. The logo chosen was the two trees and the hills. The meaning being, the large tree symbolizing teachers and parents looking after the smaller tree representing the students. The logo was very much about a representation of a strong and stable school and community.

We now have a new logo that reflects the fact that we are now a community school with outward looking focus with students having worldly aspirations. It is an exciting logo that depicts action, learning and aspiration.

What will change and what will remain the same:

Uniforms - The uniform will not be changing, only the logo. The uniform with the new logo will be phased in. There is no need to replace all the uniforms you have. As your child needs to replace their uniform then you can purchase a new uniform with the new logo.

Website - we will be updating the website this year.

Documentation - all documentation will now start to have the new logo.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WEB PAGE
The Mooroolbark College website is a valuable tool to look at our College. Please visit the site [www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au) to access up-to-date information. The fortnightly newsletter, can be subscribed to using the link on the website as well as viewing past issues which will be available for you to view.

PTCA
The PTCA is holding its **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March**. The PTCA is an important part of the College and they play an integral role in the College. They do a superb job supporting the College through the organisation of events and providing timely and valued advice and feedback about the College. We are always appreciative of their support and encourage you to be part of the PTCA, where you can make a difference. I therefore urge you to come along to the A.G.M.

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS
The College Council comprises fifteen members – six parents, five Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees, and four community members. Each year half of the membership in the first two categories must present for re-election. Positions in the third category are filled by co-option from the College or wider community when the elected Council meets. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in the two categories open for election this year are as follows:-

- Parent - Three
- DEECD - Two
- Community - One

Nomination forms for the above positions are available from the General Office from Wednesday 18th February. Members of the College community are invited to nominate for these vacancies. Nomination forms must be lodged at the General Office by 4.00pm on Tuesday 24th February 2015. If the number of nominations in each category is greater than the number of vacancies, an election by ballot will be held. Ballot papers and voting procedures will be distributed on Tuesday 3rd March (if required). The names of the nominated candidates will be posted on Tuesday 3rd March outside the General Office. The voting procedure will be finalised by Tuesday 10th March. The new College Council will meet for the first time on Tuesday 17th March.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
**TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**
School photos will take place on Tuesday 10th February. All students will be photographed individually and in their Home Groups and Year 12 students will have a group photo taken. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on Tuesday 10th February with clean and tidy uniforms. Students with excess jewellery or with inappropriate piercings will be asked to remove them in line with the College uniform policy.

LOCKERS
It is compulsory for all students to have a lock on their locker. We believe that by having a lock it ensures the safety of their belongings. Thank you for supporting the College in this matter.

COMPASS—COLLEGE INFORMATION
**Compass** the College Learning Management System (LMS) is a communication tool to support the students and parents/guardians in Year 7 to 12. The introduction in 2014 was made to ensure more efficient communication of information for parents/guardians, students and teachers. Attendance, student learning and College News and Events and are a few of its features.

**YEAR 7 STUDENTS**
The Year 7 students have made a terrific start to the year. We have been very impressed with the manner in which they have adapted to high school and life at Mooroolbark College. Walking around the College grounds at recess and lunchtime I have been heartened by how easy they have fitted into our College.

I would also like to thank all Year 7 parents/guardians for returning all their enrolment form, it certainly makes our job so much easier. Your support of the College is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that the **Year 7 parent/guardian BBQ Evening will be held on Thursday 12th February commencing at 6.00pm and will be followed by the Compass Training at 7.00pm.**

**FACIAL PIERCING**
Facial jewellery is not permitted at the College. Students can have a clear facial stud that does not protrude from the skin and cannot be caught on anything. This also includes ear jewellery that is sharp or excessive.

Students wearing facial jewellery will be asked to remove it and it will be placed in a plastic bag and the student can pick it up from the Student Administration Office at the end of the day.

If students are contemplating having facial piercing we highly recommend that they do so during the school holidays, giving them time to have it heal so they can put in a plastic plug when they come back to school. It is best to plan these things so the student isn’t faced with a difficult situation of having to remove the piercing or be sent home from school.

We thank you for your support.

Simon Reid
Principal

**FROM THE 2015 COLLEGE CAPTAINS**
We are so excited to be the College Captains for this up and coming year. There is so much to look forward to already, particularly with the swimming carnival happening within the very first few weeks of school. We both can't wait to see everyone rocking their House colours and enjoying the day out. We’d also like to give a huge and warm welcome our new Year 7 students attending the College in 2015. We hope and know you’ll get a smooth transition into your schooling.

Overall we can’t wait for a fantastic year; we hope to get involved with everyone and everything that the College has to offer.

Zachary Smith & Alicia Ryan
College Captains
YEAR 7 PARENT/GUARDIAN BBQ & COMPASS INFORMATION SESSION

When: Thurs 12th February
Where: T-block

All Year 7 students and parents/families are invited to our annual Year 7 BBQ. It is a great opportunity to meet some of your child’s teachers in a relaxed and informal environment. The BBQ will be followed by an introduction to Compass sessions for those parents/guardians who feel they require some support. These sessions will take place at approximately 7pm in our computer labs. Parents/Guardians are welcome to bring their iPad to use in this session.

Adam Lorkin
Assistant Principal/Transition Coordinator

PTCA NEWS

The PTCA is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in the “B” Block Staffroom. New Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend as it is a great opportunity to socialise with new and current parents. It also gives you the option to represent your family, as part of the College community. The PTCA do a superb job supporting the College through the organisation of events and providing timely and valued advice and feedback about the College as well as some fundraising. We encourage you to think about attending a meeting.

PTCA Morning Tea for all new parents/guardians in 2015

When: Thursday 26th February, 2015
Where: T3
Time: 9am-10am

We invite you to come along and meet other new Parents/Guardians and also the Year 7 Transition Coordinator and Mr Reid.

We look forward to meeting you on the day.

Deb Alsop
PTCA President

2014 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We would love to congratulate our Year 12 students from last year on their successful first step to further study. We are so pleased to announce that every student that completed a VTAC application received a first round offer in January. We congratulate our students and wish them the very best for their future studies.

We wish our 2015 students all the best and encourage them to think about their pathways early. We have four pathways advisors who will interview them during term one; Mrs Eva Woodward who looks after Yellow House, Mrs Jodie Tilley who works with Blue House students, Mrs Maria Pisano who meets with Green House students, and Miss Dannielle Clarke who supports Red House students and is the Year 12 Careers program leader.

This year we will be encouraging our students to consider a wide variety of career paths. For example, some of last years Year 12 cohort will begin courses in; Biomedicine (The University of Melbourne), Games Design (Box Hill), Physiotherapy (LaTrobe University) and Law (Monash University) - the possibilities are endless!

Danielle Clarke
Year 12 Careers Program Leader

UPCOMING IMPORTANT INSTALMENT DUE DATES—TERM 1

5th February Year 10 Central Australia Tour (Instalment)
11th February Year 12 Study Camp (Final Payment)
12th February Year 9 Tasmania Tour (Final Payment)-18th February College Levies Debit Payment Plans Instalment*
25th February Debutante Ball (Deposit)
27th February Year 7 Marysville Camp (Deposit Due)
5th March Central Australia Tour (Final Payment)
13th March Queensland Camp (Deposit)
27th March Year 7 Marysville Camp (Final Payment)

*Please ensure funds are available in your nominated account on Thursday 19th February if you are on a Debit Payment Plan.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding payment, please contact Jodi Mathieson in Accounts at the College on 9727 8100.

Jodi Mathieson
Accounts Department

COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

The College Swimming Sport will be held on Monday 16th February at Croydon Swimming Pool - a heated outdoor venue in Hewish Rd Croydon; phone number is 9294 5630.

All students are fully included in the College program and are expected to attend; no alternative program is running back at school.

There is a cost of $5-00 for each student attending (who have not paid their school fees). This should be given to the office in an envelope, with their name and form on the outside, and marked “Swimming Carnival” on the outside.

Students will be bussed to and from the pool from 9am and will be returned by 3pm, being dismissed upon arrival back at school. Parents/Guardians are asked to ensure appropriate sun protection is provided including drinks, sunscreen and hats. The canteen will be running throughout the day at the venue.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in clothes with colours supporting their particular House.

Parents/Guardians are invited to be part of the day and come as spectators. Anyone interested in acting as officials are particularly welcome and should contact Mr. Clapp at the College on 9727 8100.

If students are to be picked up from the venue could parents/guardians please provide a written note to that effect.

MOUTHGUARDS

Parents and Students participating in both Physical Education and Interschool Sport are advised that MOUTH GUARDS are highly recommended additions to many sports, especially those that may have a contact element. While all care is taken to ensure the full safety of participants, accidents can happen and a small fee can ensure big dental costs are avoided.

Keith Clapp
Sports Co-Ordinator

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Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'.

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au.

In the coming weeks we will provide more information by email on how students can apply for a TFN and the educational services we can provide. In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Regards

Steve Vesperman
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

BEWARE OF TAX RELATED SCAMS

The ATO will never send you an email requesting you to confirm, update or disclose confidential details via a non-secure channel such as email.

You should always independently verify the source before taking any action. If you receive a communication of this nature, do not respond to it. Forward it to ReportEmailFraud@ato.gov.au.

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