



## CONTACT NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2012	Unit 3 Chemistry to Victorian Space Science Centre
March 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	School Council
March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Student/Parent Conference (Parent/teacher night) 12pm – 6pm - Hall
March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	<b>End Term 1</b>
April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	<b>Commence Term 2</b>
April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	India trip - Information evening Library – 7pm
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2012	Yr 10 Immunisation
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	<b>ANZAC Day - public holiday</b>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2012	Yr 12 Foods excursion
May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	<b>OPEN DAY 2pm - 6pm</b>
May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2012	Yr 11 Outdoor Camp Grp 1
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2012	Yr 11 Outdoor Camp Grp 1
May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Yr 11 Legal Studies Excursion – Loddon Prison
May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Yr 11 Outdoor Camp Grp 2
May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Yr 11 Outdoor Camp Grp 2
June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	<b>Queen's Birthday – public holiday</b>
June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	<b>Curriculum Day – students do not attend classes</b>
June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Yr 12 Formal
June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>

*The College is developing a new website. We should "go live" early next term. Stay tuned... more details shortly!*

### Principal's report

As part of the accountability requirements for Victorian Government Schools, all schools are required to produce an "Annual Report to the School Community". The 2011 Box Hill Senior Secondary College Annual Report is now able to be accessed from the College website homepage. Please look for the Annual Report button.

The Annual Report is again printed in a new format that is compulsory for all schools. The Annual Report for every Victorian school is now set out in the following sections:

#### 1. Front Cover

2. **Government School Performance Summary - "What our school is Doing"**. This section gives a general summary about the school, including student enrolment numbers and some of our key program features. This section also provides a summary of our performance in the areas of Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing as well as Student Pathways and Transitions.

**3. Government School Performance Summary:** This summary is divided into two sub-sections; Primary (grade 5 and 6 in the MY Sports Campus) and Secondary (years 7-9 in MYSC and 10-12 in the Senior School). Some of the School Comparison data is not available in this summary due to a variety of reasons, such as we had no students in grade 3 or we had insufficient student numbers in grade 5 etc. As I mentioned in the Student Pathways and Transitions section of the 'What is our schoolDoing', the MYSC (years 5-9) is essentially a different campus to the senior school (years 10-12). Many students who enrol in year 7 at MYSC have no intention of making the transition into the tennis program at the senior school. However, much of our performance data has been grouped together, thus providing a slightly inaccurate account of student outcomes.

I have asked the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to reconsider how our performance data is reported, as in its present format I don't believe it provides an accurate statement of what has been achieved by our students.

**4. Financial Performance and Position statement.** This section provides a summary of the financial position of the College and also provides a brief commentary of why we were financially strong at the end of 2011.

I commend this report to you and encourage you to visit the website for further information about your College. If you would like to contact me about any aspect of the Annual Report then I am happy to take your questions or feedback.

### **College Council membership for 2012**

On Tuesday March 27 we will have the first meeting of the 2012 College Council. Thank you to the parents and staff who have volunteered to take on a voluntary role.

All government schools in Victoria have a governing council. Councils are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set key directions of the college within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this the Box Hill Senior Secondary College council will be able to directly influence the quality of education that is provided for our students.

In 2012 Council will consist of the following members:

#### **Parent representatives:**

- Andrew Simons
- Chris Ramsay
- Gina D'Etto
- Dominique Horne
- Darren Hill

#### **Staff representatives:**

- Fern Brisbane
- Fiona Erwich
- Amy Pascoe
- Jim Ellison

Council has the jurisdiction to appoint two Community representatives to serve on council. I will announce the names of these members as they are appointed.

Steve Cook  
Principal

## India trip – Information evening



*Interested in coming on the India trip?*  
Please attend the information evening to be held in the **College Library on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7.00pm.**

### ***Study Tip No. 2 – Eat small healthy snacks throughout the day.***

Research has shown that blood sugar levels cycle every 45 minutes to an hour. That means an hour after you have eaten, your blood sugar levels will be low and then learning is more difficult.

#### ***Good foods to keep you going:***

- *Make sure you eat a diet of at least 70% water rich foods like salad, oranges, berries, watermelon apples, bananas etc.*
- *Nuts and unsalted popcorn are also a great snack.*
- *Grains should consist of pasta, rice, cereals and wholemeal bread.*

#### ***Foods to avoid***

- *Lollies, chocolate etc = Quick rise in blood sugar but not sustained.*
- *Turkey = contains amino acid and can make you feel sleepy*
- *MSG (621) = any foods containing this cause mental fatigue and slow down thinking and learning.*
- *Caffeine and artificial sweeteners*

#### **Progress Reports**

The first Progress Report for the year has been completed. The second report will be available online on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. Please note that **the new report will overwrite the current report.** Therefore if you wish to keep a record you will need to print a copy prior to Tuesday. I encourage parents and guardians to compare the first two reports to ascertain areas of weakness or improvement.

Students will receive a paper report #2 at their Advocacy group on the Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, March.

#### **Absence Notes**

Students are expected to attend all their scheduled classes. Students who attend less than 90% of scheduled classes may fail coursework as a result of not meeting the attendance requirements set out in the college attendance policy.

The college is required to accurately record any absences. It would be of great assistance to the staff of the College if parents/guardians completed an absence note, which should be submitted to Advocate teachers when student returns to school. Notes need to include the following information:

- \* Name of student (printed)
- \* Mentor Home Group
- \* Date(s) of absence
- \* Period number (s) absent eg P1 - 5,
- \* Reason for the absence (refer to the list below).

AC = Accident  
 ME = Medical appointment  
 EA = Early leaver  
 PA = Parental arrangement  
 HO = Hospital  
 SI = Sick Bay  
 IL = Illness

- \* Any medical certificates should be stapled to the back of the note.
- \* Parents, please print your name as well as sign and date the note.

**Notice to all students completing a Year 12 subject**

**Missed a SAC? What can I do about it?**

You are entitled to still sit the SAC under supervised conditions provided you can prove the following circumstances:

Reason for application	Evidence required (provide this with your application)
• Illness	Medical Certificate and/or letter from a registered Health care professional
• Personal Circumstances	Supporting documentation eg report or letter from counsellor
• School approved sporting activity/ extra curricula activity/ excursion	Notice from appropriate coordinator or teacher

**Immediately upon your return to school.**

1. See the Year 12 Coordinators to collect the "Make Up SAC form"
2. All sections must be completed and attach any supporting documentation.
3. Take the completed form to Student Services for approval and a time will be set to undertake the SAC. (sessions are held on Tuesday at 9am and Friday at 2pm)

**VCE Special Provision**

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) provides "Special Provision" for students who become ill or experience hardship at the time of their VCE assessments. Parents can access more information about "Special Provision" by visiting the VCAA website: [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) If you have any further queries regarding "Special Provision" please contact Fiona Erwich, Director of Student Management.

**Resources for Parents and Students**

**HOW TO MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD - FOR SCHOOL AND BEYOND** by Andrew Martin  
 (Publisher: Bantam)

**SURVIVING YEAR 12: A SANITY KIT FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS** by Michael Carr-Gregg (Finch Publishing, 2004)

**THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS** by Sean Covey  
 (Publisher: Fireside 1998)

An excellent Internet resource ... <http://www.VCEhelp.com.au>

## 2012 Session Times

MYSC & Senior School Mon- Thurs.		MYSC & Senior School Friday	
Period	Start Time	Period	Start Time
B1	8.00 - 8.30	B1	8.00 - 8.30
B2	8.30 - 9.00	B2	8.30 - 9.00
1	9.00 - 9.30	1	9.00 - 9.30
2	9.30 - 10.00	2	9.30 - 10.00
3	10.00 - 10.30	3	10.00 - 10.30
<b>Recess</b>	10.30 - 10.50	<b>Recess</b>	10.30 - 10.50
4	10.50 - 11.20	4	10.50 - 11.20
5	11.20 - 11.50	5	11.20 - 11.50
6	11.50 - 12.20	6	11.50 - 12.20
7	12.20 - 12.50	<b>Lunch</b>	12.20 - 1.00
<b>Lunch</b>	12.50 - 1.30	7	1.00 - 1.30
8	1.30 - 2.00	8	1.30 - 2.00
9	2.00 - 2.30	9	2.00 - 2.30
10	2.30 - 3.00	10	2.30 - 3.00
11	3.00 - 3.30	11	3.00 - 3.30
12	3.30 - 4.00	12	3.30 - 4.00

### Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience is not compulsory at the college this year but is highly recommended as a student has the opportunity to work in an area they are interested in for a week or two.

There are no set dates to do work experience, if a student wishes to do 1 week at a time, we will fit in when it suits the employer, provided it is not during exam times.

### IMPORTANT

**A Work experience Arrangement Form must be completed one week prior to the student starting work.**

The form must be filled in by all parties then forwarded to the Principal for his signature.

If this process is not completed your son or daughter will not be covered for Workcover or any public liability insurance whilst on the job.

If a student requires a work experience form or requires any further information please see the Careers and Pathways advisor John Curran in the library or ring 9895 1121.

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### Students looking for work experience placements

An organisation called Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) are providing a free service to students that assists in finding a suitable placement for work experience. Their primary function is for VET students seeking a work placement but will also consider other students wishing to do work experience.

The application is done online through their website [www.imvc.com.au](http://www.imvc.com.au). Then log in to Workplace Vacancies and this will show you what vacancies are available and fill in the application form. If you require any further information please contact Sandy Toohey (VET Cordinator) on 9890 0571, or John Curran (Careers and Work Experience) on 9895 1121.

### Careers in Surveying

Any student who is considering a career in surveying or would like to know what surveyors do, will find this of interest.

You can register online at [www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au](http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au) and go to the "work experience" tab and select secondary students in the drop down menu.

If students are interested in maths, science or IT and like a mix of indoor and outdoor work then they should be encouraged to register for work experience and find out more about a career in surveying.

### Tax File Numbers

The Australian Taxation Office offers students an easier option in applying for a Tax File Number. There is a simplified application form that uses school information to verify the student's personal particulars. If your son or daughter would like to apply for a tax file number, please see John Curran in the library.

### Year 12 Student Leadership Committee for 2012

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as members of the Student Leadership Committee for 2012.

Alex Venning, Amber Ferraro, Aprille McDonough Bridget Krusec, Daniella Masina, Jacinta Walton, Bonnie Gill, Lily La Cannna, Courtney Young, Bianca Lennon, Ari Faid, Danielle Wright, Lacy Cook, Darcy Baylis, Natasha DiFederico, Kyle McGinley, Maththew Alix, Sara Vorliek, Michael Cesaria, Nathen Plasajec, Osge Mehmet, Toni Saunders Tori Dophiede and William Ma

We look forward to the contribution these students will make to the College Community this year.





## Science News

Box Hill Rotary Club sponsors 2 BHSSC science students.



Jaimee Barriero, Year 11, addressed the Box Hill Rotary Club on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. She thanked the Box Hill Rotary Club on behalf of herself and Jordan Stewart for Rotary for their sponsorship to attend The Science Experience at Monash University over the last summer holidays.

Jaimee was the first to speak, followed by students from PLC. Jaimee entranced the club members with her tales of mutant zebra fish, cadaver examination and frozen shattered balloons.

## Applied Learning

A representative of the VCAL Senior class was invited to celebrate the success of the Jamie Oliver Home Cooking Skills Program with Jamie Oliver during his recent visit to Melbourne. Jamie Oliver was very entertaining, openly communicating his personal experiences, vision and passion for cooking with us.

The VCAL students are currently working in teams on the "Lunch in a Box" project, by promoting healthy packed lunches. To ensure each team's success, we invited corporate team builders, "Total Team Building", to run an activity to highlight the importance of teamwork. The students participated in a Pirate Treasure Hunt, completing challenges, finding and deciphering clues in an experience similar to the Amazing Race.

Many students stepped up on the day, demonstrating great leadership, initiative, commitment, problem solving and communication skills.



Pirate treasure hunt!



Jamie Oliver and VCAL Senior Student Isabel Tyrrell



Cath Manning, Sue Newton and MasterChef winner Callum.

## SPORT NEWS

Even though this is a short term, a lot has been happening in sport. Most of the fitness testing and screening by Bounce physios has been completed. This is quite a mammoth task and I appreciate the staff of the college in being supportive of this. Results will be available soon to coaches, sport staff and of course students.

I had the honour of attending the annual Government Sporting Blue awards at the MCG. This year we had Sean Preston from Year 12 in 2011 win the award for Basketball. We have in recent years had a number of winners in various sports. For whatever reasons we did not win the School award but I suppose there is always next year. Sean was a very worthy winner and congratulations to him.



The college also had a significant number of former students playing in the U20 Victorian teams for basketball. They included Sam Donald and Olivia Bontempelli for the girls and Taylor Dyson, Owen Odigie, Sean Preston, Greg Page and Lucas Barker for the boys. Emergencies for the teams included Dylan Hare and current students Emily Simons and Tessa Ramsay. Both teams won their respective grand finals. Congratulations from the college to all.

In further news, one of our 2011 students, Ben Simmons, who is currently at the AIS, has been selected in the U17 National basketball team as a bottom age player and with the U18's Men's Victorian State team, also as a bottom age player. There are big things planned for Ben no doubt.

Next term sees the introduction of a 'Premier League' in Football and for Basketball. First games for both have been scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The Premier League is the top level in the SSV competition. This new League has come about by providing specialist sporting schools with a higher and better level of competition. Good luck to all teams.

Myles Ashton  
Director of Sport

### Health/PE/Outdoor Ed

Old Melbourne Goal Health Excursion

Three classes of Year 11 Health students descended on the Old Melbourne Goal in the city recently. Students participated in two different activities, the Watch House experience and re-enacting a real-life court case.

The Watch House experience was a definite eye opener with students being "arrested" and taken into a cell, before having a tour of the facility. Students discussed how such an event could impact on a person's health.

The court case was titled "I've killed my best mate!" and was based on a real-life story of an eighteen year old boy who killed his two best friends when he lost control of his vehicle after speeding. He pleaded guilty to culpable driving and students discussed what impact the case had on his health and well-being.

Natasha Main.

