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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Name
16 th July, 2018	Commence Term 3
24 th July, 2018	Intermediate B & G Basketball - Maribyrnong Invitational Classic
25 th July, 2018	Y11 Food Studies excursion
31 st July, 2018	Table Tennis - Intermediate
7 th Aug, 2018	Student Parent Conferences (SPC) - Hall
15 th Aug, 2018	Parent VTAC Info evening - Library 6pm
28 th Aug, 2018	Track & Field
21 st Sep, 2018	End of Term 3

Principal's report

Why choose a public secondary school?

At this time of the year, families are making important decisions about choosing a secondary school for their child. There is a common view that if you send your child to a private school they will automatically get better results. However, the facts show this is not necessarily correct.

A number of recent academic studies revealed public schools achieve similar student outcomes to Catholic and independent schools across a range of education indicators. These reviews showed there were no significant differences between the results of students from public, Catholic and independent schools in national and international tests and in university completion rates.

Data shows that in the first year of university, students from public schools often outperform other students. In many instances they achieve higher grades in their first year of university than students from Catholic and independent schools.

As a leader in the public school system, I believe it is important that families know this information because it can help inform their decision-making.

Public schools are just as good as private schools in the area that matters most – developing your child's potential. Much of the contemporary educational research shows students from the same social background do as well in public schools as they do in Catholic or independent schools.

There are many good reasons to consider enrolling your child in a public school, including:

- Public schools are great value for money compared with private schools, which can charge families up to \$30,000 each year in tuition fees per child. Tuition fees at public schools are minimal, with families only compulsorily paying for essential items and specialist programs.
- Children in public schools learn to get on with a wide mixture of students from different backgrounds. These advanced social skills – cooperation, empathy, problem solving – are increasingly prized in the modern workplace. Social skills equip students for success in life and in work.

- High quality teaching is one of the biggest factors that influence student learning. That is why public schools such as Box Hill Senior Secondary College are intensifying their efforts to enhance the skills of their teachers through mentoring, peer observation and student feedback.
- Public schools are the backbone of our nation's education system. They express our Australian egalitarian values. They provide opportunities for all children to succeed, no matter where they live. They give all children a fair chance to reach their potential and lead a fulfilling life.

Box Hill Senior Secondary College is just one example of a great public school, which is willing to enrol students in a variety of chosen programs. If you know a family who is looking for a great school to enrol their child in for 2019, I would encourage you to let them know that Box Hill Senior is running college tours/information sessions every Wednesday at 9.00am. Simply go into the College website (www.bhssc.vic.edu.au) and click on the 'Book a tour' button.

For next year, we intend to again increase our enrolment base for students. We have traditionally been known as a senior school with specialist programs across years 10, 11 and 12. However, in 2005 we added the Middle Years Tennis School for students in grade 5 to 9. In 2013, we added Basketball to our year 9 middle years sport program and since then we have added Netball and Australian Rules Football. This year, in partnership with the Collingwood Football Club, we have added an AFL Woman's program into the College.

We have now dropped grade 5 and 6 classes and our specialist Athlete Development program ranges across years 7 to 12, providing opportunities for elite young athletes to improve their performance through individualised programs while maintaining their academic studies

Any prospective families/ students wanting additional information about our Athlete Development program or those simply wishing to know more about the 2019 interview and enrolment procedures across all year levels can contact our enrolment officer, **Marilyn Eaton, at the College on 9890 0571.**

On Friday August 3, I will serve my final day as Principal of Box Hill Senior Secondary College. After 42 years with the Department of Education and 11 as Principal of Box Hill Senior, I have decided it is time to retire.

I will take my remaining Long Service Leave during the period August 6 to September 21. In my absence, Fiona Erwich (Assistant Principal) has been appointed as the Acting Principal. During term 3, the regional office will advertise for a new substantive Principal and put into place a formal a selection process.

The aim is have the new substantive Principal in place for the start of term 4.

Steve Cook
Principal

CSEF Applications

Final reminder - submit Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications by 29 June, 2018

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card; or students and families that fall into a special consideration category can apply for funding to cover the cost of school trips, camps, and sporting activities.

Applications can be found at Senior School Reception Desk. Please include a copy (both sides) of your concession card when submitting your application.

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS INFORMATION

[Year 10 Work Experience](#)

Work experience is not compulsory but it is highly recommended that students have the opportunity to work in an area they are interested in for a week or two.

There are no set school dates to undertake work experience. If a student wishes to do one 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 at least one week prior to the student starting work.

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

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

Yr 11 VET - Structured Workplace Learning

Students undertaking a Yr 11 VET program in the areas listed below are expected to complete 1 week of work placement in the week of September 17 – 21, 2018.

- Electro-technology (Pre-apprenticeship)
- Building & Construction
- Plumbing
- Landscape Horticulture
- Sport and Recreation

Work placement is strongly recommended by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority for vocational programs. Assessments are usually embedded into structured work placements. If a student does not satisfy the assessment requirements they will not be able to complete their certificate. In addition to this, work placements are a valuable aid to gaining an apprenticeship.

The final date to apply for a work placement is Monday September 10, 2018.

Any student who does not undertake work placement in the week beginning Sept. 17 will be required to attend school for all their normal classes.

Parents/Guardians are requested to assist in organising a suitable work placement. Structured Work Placement forms and assistance are available from the Careers and Pathways Coordinator (Frank DeMelis) who is located in the Library.

VTAC Parent & Student Information Session - Tertiary Entrance for 2019

Year 12 - VTAC Parent Information Night

During Semester 1 all Year 12 advocacy groups were presented with Careers information. Students then had the opportunity to organise personal counselling and research pathways options post VCE. VTAC is responsible for managing University and TAFE applications for current Year 12 students.

*A VTAC Parent Information evening will be held on **Wednesday August 15 at 6pm in the College Library.***

The application process can sometimes be confusing for both the student and their parents. It is highly recommended that you as a parent and your student attend this information evening to gain a better understanding of this process. Please email fdemelis@bhssc.vic.edu.au by Friday August 3 if you would like to attend.

A VTAC information session will also be run for all year12 students at a special assembly on Thursday August 9.

Year 12 – University/TAFE ‘Open Days’

All students expecting to complete further studies in 2019 are encouraged to attend as many Open Days as possible. Dates have been displayed in the Library and on the Canteen window. A complete listing of dates can be found on the VTAC website.

Student Voice News

Blood Bank

Prior to 2016, BHSSC students were regular blood donors, but have not been involved during the past two years. So, our Student Leaders wanted to 'breathe new life' into the Box Hill Senior Secondary College 'Blood Bank' initiative. Student Leaders began advertising for students who were eligible and wanting to donate blood. In response to an appeal for donors at an assembly, three charitable students, Roberto La Morticella, Mitch Jackson and Tevoan Om, put their hand up as keen and enthusiastic donors. On May 18th, these three heroes attended the Blood Bank at the Box Hill Town Hall. After undertaking a screening interview and donating 500ml of blood each to save up to 9 lives between them, they were rewarded with a nice hot cup of coffee, some biscuits and muffins. They were pretty chuffed when they received text messages over the last month saying their blood was used to save a life. Since then, they have been heard telling their friends and anyone who'll listen how good it is to donate blood! For any students 18 years or older, we will be running the next Blood Bank in August. Make sure you speak to your Student Leaders, Andrew Delfinis or Natalie Murray to schedule yourself in for the next appointment. Your blood can help save a life! Special thank you to Peter Taylor for his assistance in liaising with the Red Cross.



World Vision

On Friday 25th May, seven Student Leaders participated in an excursion to the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre to learn about the World Vision Backpack Challenge. The day was full of games based on decision making, leadership growth activities, guest speakers (including the Young Australian of the Year) and a lot of information regarding the biggest world crisis of our time, i.e. Refugees from war torn countries. Students were encouraged to join up with World Vision in helping this crisis by implementing the Backpack Challenge at the College for willing participants. On Thursday 14th June, a World Vision representative will come and speak to our Student Leaders about how we can implement the Challenge within the school community and help our Student Leaders in continuing to develop their leadership skills.

Science News

Scienceworks Excursion

On 23rd May, the Year 11 Physics class went to Scienceworks.

Activities included: Racing Cathy Freeman, Jumping competitions, Handballing to Adam Cooney, Looking at the curvature of Spacetime, Witnessing High-Voltage Lighting and Travelling the edges of the Universe in the Planetarium.

The year 11 Students got to experience lightning (almost) first hand, in a room which was firing hundreds of thousands of volts from the ceiling to the floor. Volunteers were called upon to get their hair standing on end, to try and out-manoeuvre an electromagnet and to get balloons stuck to their hair.



In the Planetarium, the voice of Geoffrey Rush described the events which took us back to the beginning of time, showing evidence of the universe's possible beginnings, which was followed by a virtual excursion to the most distant points of the universe.

Legal Studies News

Law Week Law Talks

On Tuesday 15th of May, the Year 12 Legal Studies class headed in to the city to take part in some of the Law Week activities. They were lucky enough to listen to a range of speakers including Victoria's former Attorney General Rob Hulls and participate in a courtroom role-play run by the Juries Commissioner Paul Dawe.

The students in attendance represented the school incredibly well and learned a great deal about the law. Hopefully some even took inspiration to work in our legal system.



The Arts News

Year 7/8 skateboards - students traded their books and pens for stencils and spray cans. Designing and creating skate decks in bright vibrant colours all with a personal signature.



Save our Environment, Art & Fashion Students have designed Lino prints that have been digitally printed on canvas to make 'on trend' Tote Bags



Sport News

Premier League AFL

The boys have played their 3 “pool” games and are undefeated. Their preparation this year has been fantastic. Real leadership has been shown by Tyson Taylor-Calder, Caelan Anderson, Bryce Kotas, Jack Kruezerberger and Geordie Nagle. Their next game is the crossover semi final versus Bendigo Senior SC.

This will be on 20th June.

Results:

Game 1 BHSSC 6-5-41 defeated Warrnambool College 3-7-25

Game 2 BHSSC 13-11-89 defeated SEDA 6-6-42

Game 3 BHSSC 12-10-82 defeated Emmanuel College 1.9.15



AFLW

The girls recently played their Whitehorse District round robin and won comprehensively.

Game 1 BHSSC 18-9-117 defeated Koonung SC 1-1-7

Game 2 BHSSC 13-12-90 defeated East Doncaster SC 0-0-0

It was an excellent result from the girls. Even though the scores were a bit one sided all the girls contributed and it was a great reward for the hard work they have put into their training.

This means that the girls move into the Eastern Metro round robin to be played on Monday 23rd July.



Intermediate Boys AFL

Having won their Whitehorse District round robin as previously reported, they will now progress to the Eastern Metro round Robin on Tuesday 24th July.

Intermediate Girls Soccer

An enthusiastic group of girls played in the Whitehorse District round robin. With little experience the girls were very competitive.

Results:

BHSSC 1 lost to Koonung 3

BHSSC 1 lost to Blackburn 3

BHSSC 1 drew Box Hill HS 1



Basketball

We have just finished our Senior Victorian College Championship campaign. We had six teams entered for the first round and five teams made it through to the finals.

In a terrific day of Basketball the boys senior team won, beating Rowville 55 – 39. I would like to congratulate all six teams for playing to their very best ability and representing their school in a sportsman-like manner on all days.

Adding to the success was the senior boys winning the Marbie one day tournament for the first time.



Coming up on the 14th of June, we have three boys and one girls team battling it out for VCC Championship. Again, we had six teams entered for the first round and four have made it through.

In addition, for the first time we had a Year 8 team enter the VCC and they went through undefeated and will play in finals on the 26th of June.

Netball

During the coming holidays, we will have our Senior and Intermediate girls strutting their skills at the Waverley International Schools Netball Championships. Dates are the 3rd of July to July 6. Everybody is invited to come and support our girls over the tournament.

Tennis

Huge congratulations to our intermediate girls tennis team for being runner - up in the State Championships played on Friday 25th. Our team consisted of: Elicia Kim (yr 7), Vanessa Alfaro (yr 8), Daniela Alfaro, Emily Kapsalis, and Emma Simpson (yr 9). Of the elite 8 teams competing for the title, our girls were significantly the youngest team competing. To make the overall final of the event was a fantastic achievement in itself but what they did in the final was outstanding. Their opponent was our usual rival in Maribyrnong College consisting of players up to 2 years older and possessing Australian Rankings over 200 positions higher. What was supposed to be a formality ended up a tense struggle with our girls losing 3 sets 15 to 3 sets 18. Well done and thank you for your commitment and gutsy performance. Look out next year!!!



At Boroondara Tennis Centre on Monday, 21 May, Box Hill Senior Secondary College successfully defended their title of State Champions Senior/Boys/Mixed for 2018. The team consisted of Tim Karpinski, Alex Kevill, Aaron Cartledge and Jasmin Starr.

It was an extremely hard fought competition through the qualifying rounds and a very satisfying 4 sets to 2 win in the final against our old foe, Maribyrnong College.

Congratulations!!

We have a number of students who have been selected in State and National teams.

Kodey Hodgson has been selected by Triathlon Australia to compete at the 2018 International Triathlon Union World Age Group Championships in September.



Taylah Morton, Olivia Meagher and Jessica Grace selected in the U16 Vic Metro AFL team. They recently defeated South Australia over the long weekend.



Brit Gutknecht selected in the U18 Vic Metro AFL team

An outstanding effort from all of the girls. Well done and good luck in your upcoming competitions.

Ben Simmons – past student.

The 21-year-old, having one of the best debut seasons in league history, became the first rookie to record a triple-double in the playoffs since Magic Johnson achieved the feat in 1980!

A triple-double (at least 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists) is a sign of a player's wide-ranging influence across a match and Simmons again played a starring role as his Philadelphia 76ers beat the Miami Heat 106-102 in April.

