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### Principal’s report

All government schools in Victoria have a governing school council. These councils are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set key educational directions within centrally provided guidelines.

In following these guidelines the Box Hill Senior Secondary College council is able to directly influence the quality of education that is provided for our students.

In 2013 our Council will consist of the following members:

**Parent representatives:**
- Darren Hill (President)
- Gina D’Ettorre (Vice President)
- Dominique Horne
- David Kelly
- Paul Hassall
- Francois Steyn
Staff representatives:
- Fern Brisbane
- Fiona Erwich (Treasurer)
- Peter Taylor
- Damian Dwyer

I thank each parent and staff member for their contribution to the Council.

Open Day:
Our annual Open Day was held on Thursday May 23. Prospective families were given the opportunity to listen to a presentation outlining the philosophy of the College and gain an understanding of the sorts of programs that we offer. Enrolment packages and information on how the enrolment process operates were distributed to the very large number of families who attended.

Our outstanding Student Leaders conducted guided tours of the College, enabling prospective students to see our programs in action and to speak to the students and teachers from each Teaching and Learning area.

I thank all staff and students who volunteered to be part of the day and whose hard work helped to make our Open Day such an overwhelming success. In particular I want to congratulate Jaimee Barreiro and Peter Davis, of Year 12, for their impressive contributions to our formal presentation. They both spoke so passionately about being a student at the College. Speaking in front of over 500 people is a very daunting task, yet both Jaimee and Peter handled it with aplomb.

It is obvious from talking to those who are considering enrolling at Box Hill Senior that positive word of mouth from existing or past students is a major factor in prospective enrolments attending our Open Day. Students at this College consistently indicate a very high level of connectedness to the College. They highlight the variety of VCE/VET and Senior VCAL programs that we offer, the positive student-teacher relationships that are developed and the less intrusive senior school environment as major success factors of Box Hill Senior.

If you know of any families who are interested in sending their children to this College, please remind them that we hold weekly Wednesday morning tours commencing at 9.15am on June 19 and continues throughout terms 3 and 4. There is no need to book for these tours. Simply turn up on the day and we will gladly include you as part of the tour group.

Contact the general office on 9890 0571 for further information on the enrolment process.

Steve Cook (Principal)

Compass access/rollout and Semester One Reports 2013

Box Hill Senior Secondary College introduced a community portal called ‘Compass’ at the start of this year. This has become the primary means of communication between the BHSSC and home. Parents have been able to login to Compass via the link located on the updated College website (www.bhssc.vic.edu.au) or via the link https://bhssc.vic.jdlf.com.au to monitor the attendance and progress of their son/daughter.

Parents are reminded that they continue to play an important role in this initiative. It is essential for parents to log in to COMPASS at least once per week to monitor their son/daughter’s attendance, approve absences and access the news feed (please note - only the Primary Parent/Family has authority to approve absences). By making this regular access, the college attendance requirements can be met.

Please ensure that the Parent Username and Password is kept in a safe place. These details must not be made available to students (they have their own login and access, which does not include authority to approve absences). In addition, it is vital for parents to maintain their access details ie email address and contact number as these details will be used for updating records at the College for emergencies and for sending SMS alerts and/or emails.

Reports
Student’s Semester One report will be published on COMPASS on Friday June 28. An email alert, via Compass, will advise parents and/or guardians as soon as the reports are available. The reports include detailed information on student achievements throughout Semester One and strategies for future improvement.
We recommend keeping an electronic copy, as students often require their reports for prospective employers, or for their future studies. Should you require a printed version and are unable to do this for yourself, please contact Matt Lynch via the College office to arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

**Compass rollout**

There are a number of parent modules available in Compass. BHSSC is ahead of our original timeline, with only 2 Parent modules left to introduce in 2013. We expect that online approval and payments for excursions will commence early in Term 3. The rollout for the various modules is detailed below:

**2013**

**Term 1 & 2**

1. **Email address and mobile phone number**: The details listed will be used to send emails and SMS alerts.
2. **News Feed**: The College will post news to parents about events and activities at the school. Your news feed will be customised, showing only the information relevant to you and your children.
3. **Attendance**: View your child’s attendance online, approve absences, and indicate future absence. SMS alerts will be sent for students marked absent from class prior to midday.
4. **Reports**: commencing from the first GPA in Term 1, view your child’s report as an electronic PDF file. Accordingly, the school will transition to electronic reports and no longer printed paper-based reports. This will also include end of semester reports.
5. **Parent/Student/Teacher interviews**: Arrange appointment/s with teachers.
6. **Newsletter**: The Contact newsletter will be published on Compass and the College website.
7. **Teacher email**: Parents can email their child’s teachers directly.

**Term 3 & 4**

1. **Excursions**: approve your child’s participation in excursions and other special events. You will also be able to pay for these online.
2. **Course Confirmation**: confirm your child’s subjects and make school fee payment, for the following year.

Fiona Erwich
Assistant Principal (Information Resources)

**Holiday Study Day – Year 12**

There will be a Holiday **Homework Study Day for Year 12 Students on Thursday July 4** in the Library between 9.30 and 3pm. Please book in with Peter Taylor or Fern Brisbane.

**Library News**

...and from the Library-a newsflash just to hand……

*Over 75% of our Year 10 students have recently borrowed a novel from the library and are hopefully experiencing "the joy of reading for fun".*

Peter Taylor, Library Manager.

**Music News**

**Guest Artist - Valanga Khoza (Advance Program)**

The Music Department spent a week in term two engaging in a series of workshops and performances with guest artist Valanga Khoza, funded by the Advance program.

Students were spellbound by his stories of an amazing life and have participated in the joyful music making workshops.

With the charisma and wit of a truly great storyteller, Valanga related some of his experiences as a small boy in a South African village. From his first encounters with white people and racism and his three years in a South African
refugee camp at age 15, to his escape from South Africa. He then qualified as an accountant in America and continued his journey from busker to one of Melbourne’s most sought after musicians.

Students sang Valanga’s songs and played their own instruments as well as Valanga’s drums. The atmosphere was charged with Valanga’s energy and no student could resist the sheer pleasure of participating in these performances.

Valanga’s visit culminated with an excursion to Mont Albert Primary School. Box Hill Senior students taught Valangas’ songs to six groups of grade six students and participated in a fabulous joint concert at the school.

Burrinja Gallery Café Concerts
The two evening concerts at Burrinja Gallery on May 28 and 29 were a great success. The audience enjoyed a delicious two-course meal whilst being entertained by soloists and group performers. Ex-student Amber Ferraro even put in a surprise guest appearance, performing an original song. Café manager, Cheryl said it was not only the best concert so far from BHSSC, but one of the best performances at the café, full stop!
The two evenings attracted a record crowd and provided students with an excellent opportunity to perform in a wonderful environment.

Jewish Holocaust Museum Excursion – Year 11 English
Madeleine Seymour and Jack Riley Year 11 are pictured below at the Jewish Holocaust Museum in Elsternwick with two of the survivors of the Holocaust who spoke to our students. Throughout this excursion students saw and heard many inspirational stories which evoked feelings of sympathy and guilt in the lack of humanity. It demonstrated to the younger generation that it is their responsibility to ensure that this kind of genocide never occurs again.
**Theatre Studies News**

To fulfill the requirements for Theatre Studies Units 1 & 3, BHSSC Theatre Studies students were involved in the design, creation and performance of an original play script, based loosely on the tale of Baz Luhrmann's film MOULIN ROUGE. Theatre Studies students formed a production team of Costume Designers, Set and Props Coordinators, Stage Managers, Directors, Choreographers and Performers, and each Theatre Studies student performed and was responsible for at least one area of production. These students performed for a live audience, in a cabaret-style auditorium of within the College Hall, allowing parents and friends to view this performance and support them in this endeavour. BHSSC Staff and Students congratulate these students and look forward to further performance viewings next semester, as they begin their studies on the development of Monologue performance pieces.

**Featured students:** Tessa Luminati, Leah Milburn-Clark, Kauri McDonough, Alexia Frasca, Bridie O'Dare, Jessie Cunningham, Anastasia Spendlove, Maddie Seymour.

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**BHSSC Food Revolution!**

"Imagine a world where children were fed tasty and nutritious, real food at school from the age of 4 to 18. A world where every child was educated about how amazing food is, where it comes from, how it affects the body and how it can save their lives". - Jamie Oliver

Year 12 students are inspired by Jamie Oliver's food revolution and are cooking healthy meals and designing 'lunch in a box'. It is all about sustainable change and the Year 12 students will be showcasing their healthy lunches in print, sharing them with friends, family and the school community.

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**Science News**

On 16/5/13 a group of 12 bright BHSSC science students took part in the Extreme Science Experience at the Melbourne Convention Centre. It was organised by Rodd Dunstan of ATSE. Bernie Hobbs, ABC broadcaster, hosted the day. Eloise Steyn and Cam Evans met the minister for Education, Martin Dixon. Then Eloise had her picture taken by the Herald Sun newspaper with the flaming Bernoulli tube.
In the morning there were discussions with research scientists, including the 2013 Clunies Ross Award recipients. These talks got students thinking about possible careers and directions in science. In the second and third sessions, students did a workshop on lasers (with a spy laser timed obstacle course) and then a tuberculosis workshop.

Melissa Lubbe excelled in the science quizzes on the day. She won three iTunes prizes for her contribution to the fibre optics discussions, answering physics questions and having all the correct answers in the tuberculosis quiz.

BHSSC Blood Bank update

With further donations on 7th and 25th of May, our Club Red 2013 tally to 23 Blood donations which could save 69 lives!

The next bus will be July 16th at 10:50am and then August 30th at 12:30pm. Contact Louise Macfarlane if you are interested in donating.

Sport News

Football – Senior Boys

The senior boys have played their two pool games in the Premier League winning one game and losing the other. Our first game against Hallam SC was a hard fought game. BHSSC led for most of the day but could not maintain it at the final siren. Final score were BHSSC 9.8.62 defeated by Hallam 11.5.71. Best for BHSSC included Beau Christie, Rory Lehmann, Darcy Crocker and Max Waters.

The second game was against CC Sale, played at the Box Hill Hawks ground. Again, this was not an easy match, but BHSSC had a better spread of players playing well for four quarters. Scores were even at half time. Playing very well was Kyle Staples kicking five goals, Rory Lehmann being rock solid at fullback and Max Waters giving us plenty of run from the half back line. Final scores were BHSSC 11.7.73 to CC Sale 7.6.48

The next phase of the competition is the semi-finals on the 19th June at Victoria Park, Collingwood.
**Intermediate Boys**

The intermediate boys won the Whitehorse District football in the recent round robin. The boys played three games during the day. Better players on the day included Sam Wright, Caleb Agnew and Sam Lennox. The next stage for them will be Eastern Zone on the 24th June.

Congratulations to Tilly Lucas-Rodd who was selected in the U18 Victorian team that recently played in the AFL Girls National Championships. The team was highly successful and did not lose a game. Congratulations Tilly on a fine effort.

**BHSSC Giants**

The Kew/BHSSC Giants football team continue their domination of the U18 VAFA (Saturday) competition. So far they have not lost a game in eight rounds. The team sits on top of the ladder with a very healthy percentage of over 400 (411.4 to be exact!).

**Basketball**

This year the college has fielded three teams in the Premier League: two in the boys and one team in the girls. All preliminary games have been completed. The number one boys team won all of their five games against Rowville #1 and #2, Hallam, BHSSC #2 and Maribyrnong. The second team won two and lost two. The girls’ team played and won all three games against firstly Hallam, then Rowville culminating in an exciting one point win over Bendigo in Bendigo.

Semi-finals will be played shortly before the end of term.

Currently, teams are also competing in the first round of the Victorian College championships which are held in various basketball centres in Melbourne.

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) U18 State teams (pictured below L to R): Michael Wearne, Nick Strmecki (emergency), Charlotte Brancatisano and Breanna Mackenzie. Well done on your achievements.
SSV Tennis

The following students are winners of the School Sport Victoria Intermediate Tennis Championship for 2013:

Pictured from left to right, Bianca Jones (Y9), Rachel Murphy (Y10), Kelly Martin (Y10), Maddison Brackenreg (Y10), Melanie Kempson (Y9) and Georgia Frendo (Y9).

Saintly Molloti, our latest International student has certainly hit the ground running since joining BHSSC! So far this year she has the following tournament results:

Wins:
- Winner Donvale Tennis Club Championships (Womens Open) March
- Winner Under 16 Girls Singles, Boroondara Championships Series 1st May 2013
- Winner Donvale Tennis Club Junior Girls Championship May
- Women’s Singles AMT White (Melbourne Park) May

And Semi Finalist
STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR JUNE: How Much Time Should You Spend on Schoolwork?

In previous tips we have covered the concept of independent learning. In secondary school if you do not have any specific homework or assessments to work on, you are then expected to spend some time that night on independent learning. This is where you ask yourself, what else COULD I be doing that will help me understand my subjects better and improve my results? Examples of independent learning are: reading ahead in your textbook, making a mind map about what you have been learning, doing extra research on a topic that interests you, making study notes, reviewing work you find difficult... the list is limitless!

However schools do not expect students to spend ALL of their time on schoolwork! We want you to play sport, see your friends, spend time with family, do activities you enjoy and have some rest and relax time as well. If you work effectively, then you can do your work for school, but still have a life! So given this, how much time are you expected to spend on schoolwork?

It depends on your year level, your school, your parents and your own abilities and goals. First, check your school diary or ask your teacher what is expected at your school. Then discuss these outlines with your parents and see if you can both agree what is right for you.

As a general rule, expected time to spend on schoolwork at home:

- JUNIOR YEARS: In the first years of high school students usually do at least half an hour to an hour each day. In many schools it is around 1-1.5 hours on average or 7-10 hours over the whole week.
- MIDDLE YEARS: In the middle years of high school it should be at least an hour. In many schools the average is around 1.5-2 hours or 10-14 hours over the whole week.
- SENIOR YEARS: In the final years of high school students do at least 1.5-2 hours a day and this will increase as students approach the end of their schooling. Most Year 11 students do 2-3 hours per day (14-21 hours over the whole week) and in Year 12 around 3-4 hours (21-28 hours over the whole week).
- Remember this is just a guide. Some parents and some schools will expect more (or less!) so treat these as guidelines.

FAQ 1: What about the weekend?
The amount of time students need to spend on schoolwork on the weekend will depend on their current workload.
Most students will need to spend at least the same amount on the weekend on schoolwork as they do during a weeknight.
At the same time, it is important not to overdo it! You do need relaxation and time to yourself. It is important to spend time with family and friends and doing things you really enjoy.
You also need to ensure you are getting enough sleep.
FAQ 2: What is a fair and realistic amount of time each week to spend on your personal activities?
There is no easy answer. It depends on how well you use your spare time. A student might have absolutely no other activities and oodles of spare time but still do less than half an hour a night of schoolwork. Another student might have huge amounts of extra-curricular activities but manage their time well and easily do 1.5 hours of homework and work for school a day. In fact, if you have lots of time spare you are often less productive in that time. But if you are busy in your life it forces you to be more productive in the time that is available.

FAQ 3: What about going out? How does that fit in with time management?
There is nothing wrong with going out Saturday nights with friends if it is OK with your parents provided that you do some work on Saturday morning or Sunday (or both) and provided you don’t have too late a night - otherwise you will not be able to work very effectively the next day.
The key is to find a balance. And avoid the Sunday night blues - where you leave everything to the last minute on the weekend and run out of time.
Learn more useful tips to help you achieve your personal best at school at the Study Skills Handbook website.

Our school’s subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -
- Username: Boxhillssc
- Password: 34success

Would $500 help you cover the cost of an iPad or other educational expenses?

Join Saver Plus and you could receive up to $500 in matched savings to be spent on education related items such as:

- an iPad
- uniforms & books
- laptop

Saver Plus is now available in Whitehorse and currently has places available.

To be eligible to join Saver Plus you must:

- Be a parent or guardian of a child at school now or starting next year.
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card.
- Have some form of household income, for example, you or a Partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

To find out more please call Simon on 9239 1458 or 0434 314633 or email smansfield@berrystreet.org.au for more information!
**Hip Hop Extravaganza**

**up for a challenge?**
then h3 wants you!

Use your mad music and dance skills to turn sexual health messages into hip hop! Then, battle it out in the
**H3 Grand Hip Hop Extravaganza** 5-8pm, 28 June
at BMW Edge, Federation Square, Flinders Street

Who can enter?

Hip hop & dance crews of people aged 15 – 25 from refugee and migrant backgrounds with their friends. Cool prizes for winners and participants valued over $3,000!

Entrants must register for the event - see the contact details below.

**REGISTRATIONS AND INFO:** Nelson Kur Deng,
Multicultural Health & Support Service T: 03 9418 9921

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The Multicultural Health & Support Service (MHSS) is

taking 10 to the next level. H3 aims to connect young people aged 15 – 25 living in the city, the burbs and
beyond with music, rap, dance and hip hop to get the
message out about sexual health.

This is an exciting opportunity for young people to use their
creative skills and take part in the Grand Hip Hop
Extravaganza at BMW Edge, Federation Square
28 June. This event will showcase the talent of the
performers with prizes valued more than $3,000 in the mix
for winners and participants.

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To register a group for the comp, contact
Nelson Kur Deng, Multicultural Health & Support Service
E: nelsonkd@ceh.org.au
W: www.ceh.org.au/mhss