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Principal’s report

**College Council membership for 2012**

On Tuesday March 17 we had the first meeting of the 2012 College Council. Thank you to the parents and staff who have volunteered to take on a voluntary role on Council. All government schools in Victoria have a council, which is a legally formed body with designated powers to set key directions for 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 (Council President)
- Gina D’Ettorre (Council Vice President)
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.

**Open Day:**
Our annual Open Day is to be held on **Thursday May 17 from 2.00 – 5.30pm**. Prospective families will have the opportunity to listen to a talk 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 will be available in the Hall Foyer.

Our Student Leaders will conduct guided tours of the College, which will enable prospective students to see classrooms in action and to speak to the students and teachers from each Teaching and Learning area.

I thank all staff and students who have volunteered to be part of the day and whose hard work helps to make our Open Day such an overwhelming success.

It is obvious from talking to those who are considering enrolling at Box Hill Senior, that 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 of this important day. Information sessions, followed by tours of the College, will run at 2:15 and 4:00pm.

**College Tours**
Also please pass on to any families who may be considering enrolling their child at this College that we hold weekly Wednesday morning tours commencing at 9.15am starting in the last two weeks of this term and continuing throughout term 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

**Early Dismissal**
- Due to the College Open Day students will be dismissed at 1.00pm on Thursday May 17
- As there is only one break during the day the students should make sure that they have something to eat and drink during the recess break.

**Canteen Closed**
Due to exams and no regular classes, the College canteen will be closed from the 12th – 15th June, inclusive.

**Semester Two Subject Changes**

**Unit 3 & 4 – Year 12 Subjects**
These subjects are taken over the full year and it is not possible to change at mid year

**Unit 1 & 2 - Year 11 subjects**
It is possible for students completing Year 11, to change subjects at the end of semester one. Any changes must fit within the existing timetable and comply with the requirements of the VCE.

**Year 10**
Students will be given information regarding possible elective changes.

The last day for semester two subject changes will be Friday June 8. Students wishing to change subjects should consult the appropriate Year Level Coordinators - Year 11 – Cameron Black & Steven Sarafian. Year 10 – Teagan Steen & Andrea Wood

**Study Tip No. 3 –**

*Talk about your information as much as possible.*

*Have you ever asked someone to remind you to do something and then found they didn’t need to?*

When you verbalise information it is reinforced in your brain. Talk about your study notes and what you’re learning with a friend – or even out loud to yourself. Teaching someone about your subject is also a useful strategy.

**VCE Exams – Important Information**

All students who are enrolled in Year 12 VCE units will receive a copy of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority publication ‘VCE Exams Navigator 11’. The booklet contains student information about ALL year 12 VCE exams (including the GAT) and timetables for both June and November exams. Students should read the booklet carefully and in particular the information about rules and conduct of VCE examinations including–

- Procedures for late arrival at an exam
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices
- Approved equipment/materials for exams
- Special provision for VCE students
- Rules related to non-attendance at an exam.
- Timetable clashes and the scheduling of three exams in one day.

*Water bottles (labels must be removed).*

### Unit 3 & 4 June examinations and GAT timetable

Each examination commences with a 15-minute reading period which is included in the times shown in the timetable.

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**VCE Special Provision**

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) offers “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 the Director of Student Management, Fiona Erwich, ph: 9890 0571 or e-mail ferwich@bhssc.vic.edu.au
General Achievement Test
All students completing a Unit 3 & 4 (Year 12 subject) are required to sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Thursday June 14. The GAT is a three-hour examination that is undertaken throughout the state. **Students who do not attend will have an unauthorised absence recorded on their VCE certificate unless a medical certificate is provided.**

The GAT tests general knowledge in:
- written communication,
- maths, science and technology
- humanities, the arts and social sciences

Although the GAT does not count directly towards a student’s VCE results it does play an important role in checking that both school assessments and examinations have been accurately assessed. Therefore it is vital that all students in the College complete the GAT to the best of their ability. All students who are completing a unit 3 & 4 will receive advice on how to tackle the GAT.

Whilst students cannot specifically study for the GAT, the College will provide opportunities for students to prepare for the test.

Mid Year Examinations
- All students in the College will be involved in mid-year exams.
- Students are not required to attend normal timetabled classes during their designated exam period unless requested by a subject teacher.
- Students will receive an exam timetable later in the term
- Any student absences during the exam period **MUST** be supported by appropriate documentation e.g. medical certificate.

**Year 12: Tuesday June 12 – Friday June 15**
- Students completing Year 12 Psychology, Accounting, Biology, Chemistry and Physics will sit external mid-year exams. Refer timetable above
- All students enrolled in a Yr 12 (Unit 3 & 4) subject will sit the GAT on Thursday June 14
- There will also be internal English exams on Friday June 15 in English (9.00am – 12.15pm), English Language & Literature - 9.00am to 11.10am

**Year 11: Wednesday June 6 – Friday June 15**

**Year 10: The year 10 elective subjects will have a 60 minute exam in class** during the week June 4 to June 7. **Core subjects will be examined from Tuesday June 12 to Friday June 15.** Students will be given an exam timetable shortly.

- Students should carefully note the date, time and location of each of their exams.
- For Year 10 students doing a Year 11 subject should sit the Year 11 exam as a priority if there is a clash of exams.
- For Year 11 students doing a Year 12 should sit the Year 12 exam as a priority if there is a clash of exams.
- Any student who has clash of exams or any other exam related issue should see the Student coordinator responsible for their advocacy group.

Attendance
Students have been regularly provided with attendance printouts. Parents and students should be aware that the College requires 90% approved attendance. Students whose attendance is below this level run the risk of failing subjects. Parents and guardians should be particularly careful when writing notes. It is vital that the note is clearly written and includes the student’s full name, mentor group and that the period of absence is clear.

Jim Ellison
Assistant Principal

**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.
There are no set dates to do work experience and 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 John Curran in the library or ring 9895 1121.

Students looking for work experience placements
The 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. Then log in to Workplace Vacancies and this will show you what vacancies are available and then fill in the application form.
If you require any further information please contact Sandy Toohey (VET Coordinator) or John Curran (Careers and Work Experience) on 9890 0571.

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.

Progress Reports
The first Progress Report for the year has been completed. The second report will be available online on Wednesday 23rd May, 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 Monday 22nd May. 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 23rd May.

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)
* Advocacy Home Group
* Date(s) of absence
* Period number(s) absent eg P1 - 5,
* Reason for the absence (refer to the list below).
A= Absent
C = illness with documentation
E= exemption
F= Family/social
I = illness parent note
K= sent home disciplinary
N= Note
S=suspension external
X=exclusion
Z= school follow up

* 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:
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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 2.30pm)

Resources for Parents and Students

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


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

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

BHSSC Yr 12 Formal 2012

Friday June 29th - 7pm – 12pm
no pass outs alcohol free event
Yr 12 BHSSC Students only

Lincoln of Toorak, Trak Centre
Level 2
445 Toorak Road, Toorak VIC 3142

Bookings online only:
http://www.trybooking.com/BJUY

Bookings close Friday 1st June, 2012
New Pilot Program for Box Hill Senior Secondary College (BHSSC)

Cabling involves making great connections and this is just what’s happening between CITT and Box Hill Senior Secondary College (BHSSC) with the introduction of a new pilot program for Box Hill Senior Secondary Students.

New program

An exciting and innovative new cabling course is soon to be trialled at Box Hill Secondary College. This pilot program is the result of close collaboration between CITT’s Dominic Schipano and BHSSC electrical teachers, Charlie Gilbert and Lucas Williams.

Aim

The primary aim of the course is to provide practical skills in a school environment for students wishing to enter our industry. The focus will be on the skills required in (i) communication (ii) cabling (iii) electro-technology and (iv) security industry skills. As it will be a ‘VET in-school program’ it will allow for both education and work training in a school environment. Successful students will achieve the key outcome, i.e. Certificate II in Cabling, which provides a springboard for an apprenticeship or traineeship at Certificate III level.

Benefits

There are numerous advantages in such a program. The obvious one being, that it allows new entrants to be trained into the industry, as well as familiarising them with the work requirements. In addition, employers are provided with a source of ready-made students who understand and are familiar with the basics of the skills and work required to take into the industry.

Summary

In summary, this CITT/BHSSC relationship will produce significant benefits for both students and employers. These are (i) the students will know the cabling industry as a work-ready environment and (ii) employers have ready-made prospective employees. BHSSC is a specialist school in this and other industries, offering experienced candidates to a range of prospective employers.
**World Challenge**
On the weekend of March 25th, our BHSSC World Challenge team took part in an extensive Training Program, held in the Hepburn National Parklands.

Students were required to trek through the forest land, with a backpack filled with equipment and food for the duration of the Training Camp. The team participated in a range of activities in preparation for overseas travel at the end of this year to Borneo. Skills were developed in the areas of hiking, packing appropriately for extreme weather, and survival skills were explored by way of role play and first aid training.

We wish them well in further developing skills ready for international expedition in November of this year.

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**Student Leadership News**

**ANZAC Day Ceremony 2012**

Due to inclement weather, the Annual Box Hill Rotary and RSL ANZAC Day Ceremony for Tuesday 24th April, to be held at the Box Hill Cenotaph (War Memorial), was cancelled. BHSSC School Leaders were looking forward to representing the College on this occasion, and were disappointed that the event was not to occur. With respect for the importance of this event, and the significance of the intended ceremony, our BHSSC School Leaders combined their efforts upon hearing the news of the cancelled ceremony, and recognised this occasion by holding an internal ceremony in the College Library at 1pm on this day.

Among the Student Leaders representing Years 9-12 who led this service; explaining the meaning and significance of the ANZAC tradition, reading the ode "Lest We Forget", and observing a minute of silence with The Last Post and Reveille (offered by an official recording provided by the Box Hill RSL), were Jacinta Walton, Jackson Brenchley, Larry Phelan, Alyssa Lynikas, Lacy Cook, Olivia Blasi and Kelly Thomas. Other Student Leaders from across the College were in attendance, with available staff and students also showing their support.

Following the Ceremony, Year 12 School Leaders Alyssa Lynikas and Lacy Cook delivered a wreath to the Box Hill RSL for laying at the Cenotaph.

Everyone involved, including these School Leaders, and the students who attended the service, are to be congratulated for their efforts, maturity and organisational skills in the success of this impromptu service in respect for this ANZAC day.

**Peter Taylor (Library) & Michelle Clark (Student Leadership)**
New Flagpole
70 years ago, the school flagpole was erected above the college’s main entrance. Our national flag has proudly flown on this flagpole during much of this time. Time, however, finally caught up with our Oregon (timber) flagpole earlier this year and it developed some major cracks resulting in its removal.
We are pleased to advise that the college is now the proud owner of a new flagpole, which given its metal construction, should last for much longer than 70 years!

The new pole was erected just prior to ANZAC Day and the significance of this was noted, as this year commemorates the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin and the Battle of Kokoda in New Guinea. Both of these events highlighted the importance of our national flag and what it represents.
Many thanks to our College Maintenance Officer, Neil Meredith, for coordinating the removal and installation. Neil also designed and made a new flagpole finial (decorative feature) to maintain the architectural theme of the College’s main building.
Our national flag is once again flying above our formal entrance to the college.

Parliament House Open – Session
On Tuesday the 17th of April, two members of our Student Leadership team were invited to attend an open session at Parliament House, as representatives of the College. Ozge Mehmet and Bridget Krusec were greeted by the Speaker of the Legislative Council (Upper House) who welcomed the girls into his place of work. They joined school leaders from across Melbourne in listening to the inspirational stories of a number of members of the current parliament. Accompanied by their Legal Studies teacher, they also took part in a tour of parliament, conducted by a current member. These Year 12 Leaders not only viewed parliamentary discussion, though also toured the rooms of Parliament House. They were escorted through the basements, original Library, and Parliamentary Chambers. The girls appreciated this opportunity to learn more about our Government and Parliament, and meeting and mingling with other School Leaders from around Melbourne.

Science News
The 18th of April saw Wild Action bring their “Rocky Shores” incursion to Year 9 science.
Pictured is Kelly Martin holding a spider crab, one of the large crustaceans from our Port Phillip Bay.
The year 9 students also saw a little penguin, Port Jackson sharks, elephant sea snails and many other interesting marine creatures.
This forms part of their ecosystems science unit.

Year 12 Psychology
Excursion to the sleep Lab at Epworth Freemason’s hospital
Our year 12 Psychology students attended an excursion on Monday the 23rd of April to the Epworth Sleep Laboratory at Freemasons hospital.
The purpose of the excursion was to revise for their upcoming SAC and midyear exam. Some students volunteered to be hooked up to the machinery that is used on a patient in a sleep lab e.g. EEG, EOG and EMG (See photo’s below).
Students also had the opportunity to visit an actual sleep laboratory room and were also shown the control room where a patient is monitored. It was a very informative session and enabled students to gain a better understanding of sleep and how it is measured.

Amy Pascoe (Psychology Coordinator)

**Sport News**

The start of Term 2 is a busy one for most sports in the college. This year we have football and for the first time basketball playing in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Premier League. This initiative sees schools that run similar sport programs playing each other in quality competitions. The standard of these games is far higher than what we have played before in the SSV competition.

**Tennis**

2011 Most Outstanding Tennis School Award

The Middle Years Sports Campus - Tennis Program @ Box Hill Senior Secondary College was honoured to be awarded the 2011 "Most Outstanding Tennis School" at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards at Crown Casino.

To celebrate this prestigious award, an unveiling of the commemorative plaque was held at the Middle Years Sports Campus in April.

John Fitzgerald, (Tennis Australia Board Member and former Davis Cup Captain) unveiled the plaque and dignitaries from Tennis Australia, The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development, Tennis Victoria and School Sport Victoria (SSV), along with parents, staff and students attended the function. The audience were treated to an inspirational address by John.

After the presentation, John went on court and gave students tennis tips and had photos taken with staff and students.

The afternoon was a great success and all dignitaries were taken on a tour of the college. This was a great opportunity to showcase the school.

**Football**

Congratulations to Tilly Lucas-Rodd and Tyler Hayward for making the U16 Vic metro squads in football. This is a tremendous honour for both who have worked hard to achieve reaching these teams. We wish them well in their representative matches.

**Football match report: Game versus Sale CC Premier League**

A home game for us at the YJFL ground in Bulleen was against Sale CC who this year travelled the two hours to play us. Conditions were reasonable despite the inclement weather during the morning but the ground surface was in superb condition.

The last quarter was a cliff hanger in the true tradition. With 30 seconds to play, the boys were 3 points down. Max Waters took the ball on the defensive side of the square and found Hodgy. Chris with 25 seconds remaining got it off to Quirky. Tick, tick, tick the clock is running down. Quirky drills the ball high into the forward line where Jake Kalanj takes the “mark of the century” about 25 metres out from goal. He still has to kick and the clock is running down to 10 seconds. Jake, rather than line up and kick the goal, handballs over the top to Jake Francis in the goal square. Jake is under immense pressure from the defence but manages to gather the ball and quickly put it on to the boot. GOAL!!!

5 seconds to go. Siren! Box Hill Senior win in a thriller.

Scores: BHSSC 10-11-71 defeated Sale CC 11-2-68

Best: Jake Kalanj, Jake Francis, Dylan Agnew, Harry Burgess, Beau Williams, Rory Lehman and Michael Kinsella
Basketball
This year the Senior Boys and Girls basketball teams have entered into the Premier League competition through SSV. Yesterday our Senior Girls played Bendigo Senior SC and defeated them, 66 to 32. The Senior Boys played Maribyrnong and defeated them, 64 to 38.

Our second senior boys team is also entered in this competition after Bendigo withdrew for this year. They played Rosehill SC and defeated them, 69 to 57.

Next round of games are on 16th May.

Part time job available.....

“Lightmare Studios, an Australian video game development company is offering a six and a half month school based traineeship in game design to Year 10 & 11 students for Semester 2.

Participants earn a Cert III in Information, Digital Media and Technology at the Box Hill Institute of TAFE, Nelson Campus and are paid to work for Lightmare Studios online, making game prototypes.

Students study character design, 3D creation and animation among other design skills, one day a week onsite at BHIT and complete seven hours work each week, after hours from home at their own computer as part of a „virtual workspace“ where they are guided by a project manager to conceptualise and create original game ideas within a team.

Lightmare are proud to deliver a truly unique opportunity to students wanting to explore this fascinating and thriving industry and introduce them to new, exciting skills. Please see Sandy Toohey (VET Coordinator) for more details.
Wellbeing Section 2012 April/May

Girls with Attitude

**Dates for 2012**

Now in its tenth year, **Girls with Attitude** has assisted many young women.

The program is suited to females aged 13-17 years who are experiencing difficulties dealing with their emotions, struggling with significant relationships and many other issues.

**Girls with Attitude** runs for four days over four weeks and covers topics such as effective communication, negotiation, assertiveness, self-esteem, conflict resolution, feelings and relationship building. A parenting forum is also an important element of the program. As a component of the program, it is a “catch up day” with participants in the following term. **It is all totally free.**

Our dates for 2012 are as follows:

**Every Thursday during the weeks specified from 9am to 2pm**

**Term 2**

**June: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th**

**Catch up Day: 23rd August**

Where: **Youth ConneXions, Suite 2, Level 1, Box Hill Centro, Main St, Box Hill South, 3128.**

If you have any queries please contact Julie or Jacqueline to discuss further.

Jacqueline Piper Youth ConneXions: 9898 9340 Mobile: 0408 356 997
Julie Ritchie EACH: 0427 862 865

**Teen Drinking Community Forum**

Our free community forum will give parents practical, easy to use ways to talk to kids about alcohol, and plenty of ideas about how to keep them safe.

The seminars will be presented by the Australian Drug Foundation and the Barwon Adolescent Taskforce (BATForce) and will include information about:

- Alcohol related harms in young people
- The new secondary supply legislation
- Parenting strategies to prevent alcohol misuse in young people.

Each session focuses strongly on the skills and strategies that parents and other adults need to keep communication with young people open, and deal with issues in a positive and constructive way.

The sessions will be held in:

- Metro east - 7pm to 9pm, 9 May (Vermont Secondary College)
- Gippsland region - 7pm to 9pm, 10 May (Bairnsdale Secondary College)
- Wimmera region - 7pm to 9pm, 16 May (Horsham College)
- Goulburn Valley - 7pm to 9pm, 22 May (Wanganui Park Secondary College)
- Murray region - 7pm to 9pm, 23 May (Swan Hill College)

To register, please call 03 9611 6119.