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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 2014 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 format that is compulsory for all schools and is set out in the following sections:
1. Front Cover
2. About Our School. 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 Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing. It also reports on the Productivity of the College.
3. Performance Summary: This summary is divided into two sub-sections. Primary (grade 5 and 6 in the Middle Years 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.
Our 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.
4. Financial Performance and Position. This section provides a summary of the financial position of the College and also provides a brief commentary of our financial story throughout 2014.
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 2015/16
On Tuesday March 24 we had the first meeting of the 2015 College Council. Thank you to the parents and staff who have volunteered to take on this 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 2015 Council will consist of the following members:

**Parent representatives:**
- Michael Petering (Council President)
- Gez Kelly (Vice President)
- Denise Mackey
- David Marshall
- Lara Pimblett

**Staff representatives:**
- Peter Taylor
- Fiona Erwich (Treasurer)
- Damian Dwyer
- Philip Whelan

**Steve Cook**  
*Principal*

**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**  
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Students attending a Victorian registered primary or secondary school may be eligible for assistance. This is a new initiative and the program will run over four years.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of the particular student.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

The CSEF system only allows one application per student and parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make decisions as to who applies for the CSEF.

CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools and are expected to commence from Term 3 each year.

Application forms are available from the general office and the **closing date for applications is 26 June 2015**.

**Karen Leeder**  
*Business Manager*

**Science News**

On Friday 22nd of May, the BHSSC Science Team entered the online science world to represent our college in the Big Science Competition run by Australian Science Innovations. Our team was Cam Evans, Kaiden Hamilton, Allan Wu, Christina Jiang, Caroline Chen, Rory Kendall-McHugh, Reid Davidson, Janelle Lay, Tom Strmecki, Chris Cagle, Noah Gadsden, Brodie Hamilton, Jade Petrowski. These selected science students were extended with critical thinking and problem solving related to every day scientific concepts. We eagerly await the results to be published in late July.

**Brendan Meers**  
*Science and Maths*
Scienceworks
On Friday the 15th of May the Year 11 Physics Class went on an excursion to ScienceWorks. Throughout the day, students (and teachers) tested their physical strength and hand eye co-ordination at SportsWorks, explored the technology of the future at Think Ahead and witnessed High Voltage in action in the Lightning Room. As a finale the class visited the Planetarium and received a 30 minute summary on the history of the universe.

Aidan, Shayla and Brodie taking on Cathy Freeman

Student Blood Donations
On 21/5/15 a group of students donated blood at the Ringwood Red Cross Blood Donation Centre. Blood donations by students at Box Hill Senior Secondary College have saved 225 lives to date.

Attached, please find pictures of Rory Kendall-McHugh and Domino McCathrion, donating blood on 21/5/15.

Louise Macfarlane, Science TLA Co-ordinator.

On Thursday April the 30th, the Wild Action crew conducted a real life animal adventure for our students at the Box Hill Senior Sports Campus. Students enthusiastically attended the three sessions, learning about and interacting up close with a selection of animals that they may encounter in their own neighbourhoods.

Megan from Wild Action explained the importance of suburban habitat for the survival of these wonderful Australian animals. Students saw and held flying foxes, kookaburras, lorikeets, tawney frogmouths, lesser sooty owls, lace monitor lizards and an echidna among other interesting fauna.

Everyone enjoyed and received much from the experience.
In the Spotlight with the Performing Arts

Congratulations to our year 11 and 12 theatre studies students for their wonderful performance of 'Alice in Wonderland'.

Natalie Brophy
Hope Sala
Alana Inness
Morgan Jones
Ebony Hedgcock
Maddy Wyatt
Zachary Scarff
Casey Fait
Laura Ryan.

**Jack is back...** our drama student’s version of Jack the Ripper.
Currently, our year 12 drama students are presenting their ensemble exam performance in the hall

Patrick Tilley
Natalie Brophy
Alex Hinton
Alex Smirneos
Tahlia Hibbs
Ashleigh McLaren

Year 12 Music Groups play Hamer Hall

Audiences in the foyer at Hamer Hall were entertained by two BHSSC VCE Music Performance groups on Wednesday evening, May 27. The groups performed before the show and at interval to a large, captivated audience. The event was the regional annual concert ‘Soundtrack’, involving schools from all over the Northern and Eastern regions. The students involved were Alex Smirneos, Adam Pinzone, Ryan Lanigan, Noah Dunne Riseley, Lily Apicella, Lucia Ritch, Tom Forrer-Crosbie and Tait Bartlett. Tait also played bass in the combined schools stage band.

Sport Report – May

1. Football

Premier League AFL kicked off early in the term. Coming off a stellar season last year, remaining the top sides was always going to be a big call. Our first game was against our arch rivals Hallam SSC. Unfortunately we couldn’t get our game going at all especially in the midfield and around the stoppages. The final scores were BHSSC 3-4-22 to Hallam SSC 11-15-81.

Round 2 saw the team from Queensland (Palm Beach Currumbin) fly into Melbourne on one of the coldest and wettest days seen. The weather was always going to be our secret weapon! Fortunately the team reversed their previous game’s form and dominated the opposition.

Final scores were BHSSC 12-10-82 to Palm Beach 3-5-23

The next round will be crossover semi finals on the 3rd of June.

2. Baseball

The boys have made it to State finals via an invitation which resulted from our strong performances in Eastern Metro. With a few non-specialist baseballers filling in, the boys did remarkably well winning one game and losing two narrowly. Good job boys!
3. Cross country

The following students have qualified for Eastern Metro to be held at Yarra Glen racecourse Tues June 16th:


Basketball News.

Premier League

Lots has been happening this past month. The Premier League season got off to a fantastic start with Box Hill making the journey to Maribyrnong and defeating the first boys and girls teams on their home court. While at Rowville the Box Hill second team defeated Rowville seconds. This set the stage for all Box Hill Senior teams to progress to the semis on 24th June.

Box Hill High comes to BHSC for a Friendly

On Monday the 25th of May Box Hill High came to our school for an intermediate basketball friendly. All intermediate teams got to play and the games were used as a preparation for Friday’s Intermediate VCC. Coach Mark Whitehead from Box Hill High said it was a worthwhile exercise and would be more than happy to do it again next year.

VCC Senior Basketball

Finally, what a fantastic day we experienced on 26/5/15. BHSSC took seven teams to Dandenong Basketball Centre and six of these were successful in going through to the next round of Senior VCC final on the 22nd of July. Coach Goorjian was extremely happy with the way Liam Evans played and was delighted with injury replacement Chris Cagle who played well after coming up from Intermediate team to lend a hand. The girl’s second team also had some help from the intermediate girls’ team with a number of players stepping up to help. Special mention goes to Lucy Cochrane, Maddie Brancatisano and Alysha Casey from year nine who made a strong impact on the game.

Cheryl Chambers was also happy with the way this year’s team is coming together, with State players Georgia Dale and Najvada George adding to an already strong list of players. The next month will be a very exciting one for the girls. All the girls played well and the team is moving in the right direction. The senior boys second team did a fantastic job in playing Rowville firsts and only losing by 4 in what was a thriller and was tied up with only minutes to play. Tom Clifford and Tom Moran led the team while Joel Donnelly was the stand out 3 point shooter.

The four and five boys’ team also progressed with special note going to James Kolokythas, Ben Oppler Lawrence, Spencer Worrell and Brandon Shambrooke. Thank you to Jodie Williams for coaching on the day.

Steve Kennedy, Basketball Coordinator.

Senior Girls Football

On Thursday May 7th, the girls played in the Whitehorse District round robin. They started the day with comfortable victories over East Doncaster and Blackburn, with both failing to score a single point. The girls teamed really well together, continually linking up by handballing to each other in the middle of the ground. The final game saw BHSSC take on rivals Koonung, seeking revenge for a narrow defeat the previous year. In a tightly fought contest, the girls came out 23 point winners, preventing Koonung from kicking any goals. With 3 wins, the girls progress to the next round early in Term 3.

Best players: Georgia Dale, Jess Elliott, Madi Collins, Bec Elliott, Sarah Farmer and Kelly Martin.
HomeStay – International

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is once again seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2015 for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters. We would be extremely grateful for your support by inserting the following information into your next school newsletter, or pinned to your notice board or website.

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th Century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. They will attend a local High School, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Kind Regards,

Robert Lindsay
National Director

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HELP ME, HELP ORPHANS IN TANZANIA

In August, I will be volunteering at an orphanage called Samaritan Village in Tanzania, Africa. This orphanage is in need of some general supplies that would really help them in their day-to-day life. The goods collected will be personally delivered to the orphanage by me, meaning that 100% of your donations go straight to the orphanage. If you could put a t-shirt and pants (second hand is fine as long as they are wearable condition), shoes, some sort of stationery item and some sort of hygiene product into an old backpack (nothing flashy but not broken) it would provide the basic necessities for life for one child.

If donating, any of following items will be a great help:
- School supplies (school backpacks, pens, pencils, dictionaries, books)
- Clothing (track pants, t-shirts)
- Towels
- Toys
- Hygiene products

With thanks,
Harriet Kimpton
2015 Year 12 Student of the Year

Wellbeing Section

NIRODAH COUNSELLING SERVICE AT BOX HILL SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

Box Hill Senior Secondary College uses a counselling service provided by NIRODAH. NIRODAH’s primary goal is to provide exemplary services and training to enhance the physical, social and emotional health of people in our community.

NIRODAH’s ADVANCE Program provides an easily accessible service to the community by utilising the Medicare Mental Health Rebate System to place psychologists/social workers into schools and provide a service that is accessible by all members of the school community.

With a referral from a GP, psychiatrist or pediatrician stating a Mental Health Plan in place, a client will have access up to ten individual sessions per calendar year through Medicare. Group sessions are also available. This is at no cost to the family.

NIRODAH offers counselling for individuals with a range of presenting issues such as depression, anxiety, grief/loss, social skills, sleeping difficulties, trauma and many more. The service provides significant benefits to the school and its community:

- School setting is a safe environment for students to access psychological services
- Little disruption to school attendance as the sessions are timetabled within the school day
- Qualified and experienced psychologist or social worker(s)
- Behavioural and emotional issues within the school are targeted with professional guidance
- Commitment to provide communication with the referring doctor, client and/or guardian and school staff
- No travel and time issues for parents

Gemma Mackechnie who will be working in this school weekly, is a very experienced psychologist and an associate member of the Australian Psychological Society. She/He has extensive experience providing counselling services to a broad client group including children, adults and those with special needs.

Other programs that NIRODAH offer include the Respect Ambassador Program (Primary & Secondary) and Be the Hero (Secondary) which aim to educate staff, students and parents about the factors that motivate violent behaviours.

NIRODAH also are facilitators for White Ribbon’s “Breaking the Silence” school based program.

To access this service contact your school welfare team. Also check the website www.NIRODAH.com
LOCAL INITIATIVES

Dig Deep

Parent Information Forum - VIDEO GAMES AND THEIR IMPACT ON CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
Despite the benefits games can provide, there are also a number of concerns. While promoting healthy video game play in this forum Steven Dupon explores the risks of excessive video game use and their addictive nature, the increasing convergence of video games and gambling and the inappropriate content (sexism, violence) featured in video games. At this Parent Information Forum, Steven presents both the positive and negative impacts of video game technology. You will learn how to use video games as a positive contributor to your child’s development; how to avoid video game addiction, keep your kids safe online and get advice on how to deal with the inappropriate content that often features in video games. Steven Dupon is the Founder of www.videogames.org.au, Manager of Manningham YMCA Youth Services and Author of the ‘Video Games Report’; a study on the impact of video games on young people. Most kids play video games these days, some for many hours every day, but what do we know about the impact of these games on our children and young people?
Date: Thursday 11 June 2015
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm
Venue: Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)
Further information: Council’s Parent Resource Officer Molly Block on 9262 6175 or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Cost: $2 gold coin donation payable on the night

Beating OCD: An online treatment program to help teens overcome Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
The University of Queensland is currently offering a free program for treatment of OCD in young Australians aged 12-17. The online program being offered is an English language program that has proven to be successful with adolescents internationally. The 12-week program allows teenagers and their parents to access treatment in the privacy of their own homes, supported by Dr Cynthia Turner, a clinical psychologist and teen OCD specialist.
Please go to https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/ocd/ for more information

AFS Student Exchange Scholarships
Year 9, 10 and 11 students now have an opportunity to have their high school student exchange paid for with an AFS scholarship. AFS is keen to let young people interested in doing student exchanges know they have a variety of scholarships students can apply for that will help them make their dreams of travelling overseas come true. Scholarships range from partial support, to full scholarships and interested students can contact Jason at AFS 1300 131 736 or email aus.scholarships@afs.org to find out more information about how to apply. The AFS website also has an extensive list of other scholarships students can apply for outside of AFS.

Shine – Term 2
Shine is a six week group program for young women aged 14-17 years who are experiencing symptoms of anxiety and/or depression that are having an impact on their self-esteem and relationships. The program will cover topics such as body image, identity, coping skills, friendships, relationships and respect.
Where EACH Social and Community Health 14 Silver Grove Nunawading, 3131 When Thursdays 21st May – 25th June, 2015 (6 Consecutive weeks) Time 9.30am-12pm Cost FREE
For further details, please contact Tammy Moran on 9871 1802 or Melanie Fearn on 8878 3800; or email youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au.

Eastern Diversity Group
EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who identify as sexually diverse and/or gender diverse. We always welcome new members so feel free to contact Beck on 9890 2673 or alternatively via email rgranata@fan.org.au.
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

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The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**Closing Date**

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef