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**Principal’s report**

A major professional learning focus for the teaching staff at the College this term is the ongoing development of an effective Teaching and Learning Model that focuses on the specific learning needs of our students.

At Box Hill Senior the purpose of our model is to provide a framework in which teaching and learning operates effectively. It is based on the premise that as a Learning Community we embrace three interconnected themes:

- Learning to make a Life
- Learning to make a Living
- Learning to make a Difference

Our model incorporates four pillars of best practice:

- Learning Intentions
- Formative Assessment
- Differentiated Curriculum
- Applied Learning.

For example the pillar of Applied Learning focuses on the importance of what is being taught to the ‘real world’ outside of the classroom and makes the connection as immediate and transparent as possible. It may involve students creating partnerships and organisations outside of the College. These partnerships provide the necessary out of school context so students can demonstrate what they have learned.

Applied Learning is much more than just ‘hands on’ or practical learning. It incorporates both theory and application but the link between the two is provided by the context. Contextualising learning in the
classroom empowers and motivates students to develop skills and knowledge that they require to be articulate and responsible global citizens.

Applied Learning is not anti-academic or a quick fix for students who are struggling in the mainstream classroom. It is a set of practices and beliefs that equip all students with the capacity to achieve their goals and realise their learning potential.

Box Hill Senior Secondary College plays a unique role in the educational landscape of Victoria. Since beginning its journey as a boys' technical school in the 1940s, BHSSC has undergone a number of transformations to emerge in the new century as one of the innovators in educational and training opportunities for young people across the state.

Unlike other secondary colleges, we draw students from a plethora of educational backgrounds who are inspired to continue their learning journey with us because of what we offer: a diverse range of programs and courses, including Hair and Beauty, the Visual and Performing Arts, Fashion, Hospitality, Horticulture and Landscaping, Building, Electronics and Elite Sport. Programs in AFL, Basketball and Tennis are supported by professional coaching, auxiliary staff and state of the art facilities as well as a Junior Campus for elite Tennis and Basketball. In recent years, a High Achievers Program has been established to support students who are focused on academic excellence and university entry.

To read more about our Teaching and Learning model, I would encourage you to visit the College website. Click CURRICULUM on the information bar and then again on STUDENT LEARNING. This will take you straight to an explanation about our beliefs and values regarding the role of education in the lives of the young people who attend our College.

Steve Cook  
Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance
Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August or early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: College Office for an application form and further information.

BHSSC Fees and Charges

Statements of fees and charges were sent out to families in early June and if further information or clarification is required, please contact staff in the General Office.

In addition, please note that:

Football: The fees for all students (excepting mid-year enrolments and families with individual payment plans in place), should now be fully paid.
**Electives:** Payments for these subjects should now be finalized and in some instances, eg Outdoor Education, students may not be able to participate in the external activities associated with this subject, if the elective fee is not paid.

**Instrumental Music lessons:** Payments for Semester 2 lessons are now due and the fees for all students involved in this program should be finalized by 29/7/13.

**Credit Card Deductions:** Families who have authorised payment deductions from credit cards for the Sport Development Programs should note that the next group of payments will be processed on 7/8/13. After this date, the fees for students (excepting mid-year enrolments and families with individual payment plans in place) involved in the Tennis and Basketball programs should be full paid.

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**AusVELS**

**Implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Victoria**

All Australian States and Territories have been working with the Commonwealth Government since 2008 to develop a new Australian Curriculum. The States and Territories have agreed on many areas of the curriculum, however, there are some important differences in the ways it will be implemented. These differences include the timing of the introduction of the new curriculum and certain aspects of the content of the new curriculum.

The new curriculum for Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 in Victoria is known as AusVELS. This represents the integration of the new Australian Curriculum subjects into the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). VELS was the previous Victorian curriculum framework used by schools. The implementation of AusVELS began in 2013. This included the introduction of the first four Australian Curriculum subjects, English, History, Mathematics and Science and the rest of the learning areas taken from VELS.

Parents and students will notice only small changes because of the similarities between the Australian Curriculum subjects and the previous Victorian curriculum. For example, in the AusVELS English curriculum, there is slightly more emphasis on grammar, and more specific content is included in the AusVELS History curriculum. In some areas of Mathematics and Science, the VELS curriculum was more demanding than the Australian Curriculum. Where this was the case, the higher Victorian standards have been maintained in AusVELS.

Student achievement for Foundation–10 English, History, Mathematics and Science will now be reported against the new achievement standards.

At the senior secondary level, the introduction of the Australian Curriculum will have no impact on the delivery of VCAL or VCE. Studies in the VCE in the learning areas of English, History, Mathematics and Science will be reviewed as part of the normal review process. These reviews will include consideration of both the Australian Curriculum senior secondary subjects and subjects from leading international jurisdictions. This will ensure that Victorian students continue to have access to the highest quality senior secondary education. Revised studies in the VCE will not be implemented until 2016.


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**The Nischay Girls School**

**Jaipur, India**

In 2012, a group of students and staff from Box Hill Senior Secondary College visited the Neerja Modi Global Institute in Jaipur, India. The school has a population of over 3000 fee paying students, many of whom board there. The school is impressive with beautiful grounds, offering the Indian curriculum as well as the International Baccalaureate. A major component of our visit to Neerja Modi, however, is the profound experience and human insight our students gained from interacting with the girls from the Nischay School.

This charity initiative by the Neerja Modi Global Institute provides clothing, food, safety and access to education for some of Jaipur’s most impoverished girls. Nischay runs as a self-contained educational program.
facility on an area of the grounds in a concrete structure with very sparse facilities. Without the generosity of the Neerja Modi School, however, these girls would be condemned to a life of servitude and misery. The girls range in age from pre-school to Year 12. They are wonderful human beings who value the opportunity to be educated beyond what many of us can possibly imagine.

At the end of 2013 another group of BHSSC students and staff will visit India. As a community we would like to invite our local schools and parent body to help us raise funds for the Nischay girls. Last year our funds purchased 4 bicycles for girls to get to and from Nischay. We are hoping this year to make a more significant difference.

BHSSC was treated with the most gracious hospitality by the Neerja Modi School. We had the experience of a lifetime and we would like to give something back. So if you can support our fund raising efforts, the girls will be eternally grateful. If you would like your student to participate in the Tour, please contact the College.

Fern Brisbane

VTAC Parent & Student Information Session
Tertiary Entrance for 2014

Students may be applying for tertiary education next year. The application process can sometimes be confusing for both the student and their parents/guardians. It is highly recommended that parent/guardians and their son/daughter attend this information evening to gain a better understanding of this process.

The information session is for all parents whose son or daughter is interested in applying for University, TAFE (Certificate 4, Diploma or Advanced Diploma) and Private Provider courses in 2014.

**Date:** Tuesday August 6th 2013  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Location:** School Library

If you are interested in attending please email Frank De Melis by Friday 5th August - fdemelis@bhssc.vic.edu.au

Frank DeMelis  
Careers and Pathways Coordinator

**Foods News**

*My Workbench Rules*

The Year 9 and 10 Foods students worked as a team to participate in a ‘My Workbench Rules’ cooking competition. All students achieved outstanding results but the winners from 10A were Bailey Gay and Trav Stephenson-Gromer with their delicious Butter chicken and Terence Cao, Steven Zhang and Qianjin Li with their stir fried prawns and fish.

Thank you to Steve Cook, Andrea Wood and Julie Henderson for their assistance in tasting all of the dishes and participating as judges.

*Sue Newton*  
*Foods*
Sport News

Football

Senior Boys

The Senior Boys played off in the semi-finals in the Premier League against Essendon/Keilor SC at Victoria Park, Collingwood. With no TAC players available to play, the team came up against a side that had at least 7-8 TAC players in their team. Even though the conditions were good, the players were not as clean at the ball as they should have been. Obviously that may in part be because of the opposition pressure.

The boys shot out of the blocks early with a four goal to one first quarter. But as the game evolved, Essendon/Keilor came back hard in the second quarter to take a handy lead at half time. The remainder of the game was a tense struggle. In the final quarter our team had a number of opportunities to take the lead, but inaccurate kicking let us down.

Final scores were: BHSSC 7.4.46 to Essendon/Keilor 7.10.52
Best players included: Liam Kinsella, Max Waters, Rory Lehmann, Marshall Sadikin, Beau Christie, Tyler Hayward, Tyson Hyams and Brandon Droessler.
Intermediate Boys
The Intermediate (Year 10) boys football is at an interesting stage. Next Tuesday 30th July, they will play the Eastern Zone final against Lilydale HS. In the previous Eastern Zone round robin the boys played and defeated Vermont HS and Norwood SC. The third game was forfeited by Rowville SC because they ran out of players. Good luck next week boys.

Senior Girls
The Senior Girls football team are also into the Eastern Zone final against Koonung SC. This followed on from the girls winning games against Rowville SC and Vermont SC and being defeated by Norwood SC. We had the unusual position that saw three teams on the same amount of wins but lucky for us we had the better percentage.

Girls who played well included: Emma George, Cass Giannopoulos, Bree MacKenzie, Jamie Head and Maddi Collins. All the girls were enthusiastic and played well overall. Great effort!

The Giants
The Kew/BHSSC Giants are still powering their way through the season and are still undefeated. The latest game saw the boys defeat Point Cook by ten goals.
Basketball
Victorian College Championships:

Wednesday July 24: Our senior boys and girls #1 and #2 teams travelled to MSAC to play in the finals. After winning their pool, the #1 Boys team unfortunately lost the semi-final and played off to win the bronze medal.

The #2 Boys team finished 6th losing to Rowville in the consolation final.

The #1 Girls team played off for the gold medal but unfortunately could not defeat Rowville.

The #2 Girls team playing in Division 2 were competitive but unfortunately did not make the finals.

Monday July 29: Our Intermediate boys #1 and #3 (Year 9) teams plus our girls #1 and #2 (Year 9) also travelled to MSAC to play in the finals. After winning their pool the #1 boys team then won the semi-final and defeated Saint Josephs in the Grand Final winning the gold medal. The #3 boys (Year 9) team playing against teams that were all older finished a creditable 8th on the day. Our #1 girls unfortunately missed out on playing in the finals. Our #2 girls (Year 9) won the silver medal in their Division.

Special thanks to Matt Shanahan who is replacing Kevin Goorjian, whilst he is on Long Service Leave for coaching the boys and to Sarah Collins also, for coaching on the day.

The next tournament is the McDonalds Cup to be played at MSAC
- Senior Boys Thursday August 8,
- Senior Girls Monday August 12,
- Intermediate Boys Monday August 5.

The Intermediate Girls are already into the Elite 8. The Elite 8 finals will be played on Monday August 19 at MSAC.

The Grand Final will be played on Friday evening 11th October at a venue TBA. Special thanks to all parents for completing the consent forms on Compass.

Invitation to visit the Bogut Academy
On Friday 21/6, our Year 9 & 10 basketballers were invited to a training session with Andrew Bogut at his Academy in Carrum Downs. Andrew is an Australian professional basketball player who currently plays for the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association (USA).

Our coach, Kevin Goorjian, has had a long association with Andrew from his days when he trained at our College.

At 7 feet tall (213cm), Andrew certainly towers over the girls!!

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Music News
Odette Grummisch
Members of the school community may have noticed Year 12 Music Student Odette Grummisch featured on the front page of the Whitehorse Leader recently. Odette performed her fourth State School Spectacular on July 27th. She took a lead role in the production, which involved a principle cast of 47 singers, dancers and beat boxers. Her performance to an audience of over 10,000 at Hisense Arena was breathtaking. 

...and the entire team has to look up to Andrew!!

Courtesy of the Whitehorse Leader newspaper - 10 July, 2013.
Recording Project
BHSSC rock bands go into the studio in week four of the term to lay down nine or ten tracks for the annual C.D. Last year’s C.D. was a huge success and this year’s is set to be even better! All the planned tracks are original songs written by students at the College or interesting arrangements of ‘cover versions’. Make sure you get a copy when it is released later in the year!

Boxfest - The Music Department’s annual concert

This is great opportunity for Box Hill Senior Students to show the work they’ve put into their music groups by either showcasing their covers or original songs.

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**BOXFEST 2013**

**Wednesday 21 August 2013**

The Thornbury Theatre (Velvet Room), 859 High Street, Thornbury

Show starts at 7.30pm

TICKETS: $15.00 plus booking fee (online) or $17.00 at the door

Cash ticket purchases also available at BHSSC General Office

An ALL AGES DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE event

NO PASSOUTS

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BOOKING LINK: [http://www.trybooking.com/DGVA](http://www.trybooking.com/DGVA)

Come on down for a great night.

A limited number of T-shirts may be for sale for $25.
Let Peter Ryan or Sophia Verhagen know if you want a T Shirt.

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**YOUTH ROBOTICS COURSE**

Did You Know Robots can Engage, Inspire & Empower Youth?

"This is a fantastic program for young people ..." Mayor Catherine Cumming, City of Maribyrnong.

How? Quite simply...each student

- experiences success as they watch their robot perform tasks
- gains confidence as they acquire new skills
- becomes more reconnected through positive experiences
- is invited to work in partnerships to solve complex problems

Why it works?

- Inclusivity focused learning involving icon-based programming allowing for students with varying levels of literacy
- The course has been developed by a knowledgeable & passionate teacher with 7 years experience

Each student

- Is provided with a Lego Mindstorms robot and a laptop
- learns to program their robot to perform a series of tasks
- gains hands on experience of writing computer programs
- learns about robots and how they work

Who?
- For students in Years 6 to 10
- For students in Youth Centres aged 13 to 20

The course
- teaches skills and guides students through problem solving exercises
- is a set of structured tasks that are adapted to suit student ability
- can be expanded to give students more experience

We come to you
- everything is brought to the venue and cleared away after each session
- nothing to buy, install or maintain
- runs in a standard sized room, 7m x 6m

Costs
- $600 for 6 x 1 hour sessions. Maximum number of students is 6 in Youth Centres, 12 in schools. (Session typically runs for 1 hour, program runs through part of a school term)

Robot School
- has a proven track record, in Schools and Youth Centres
- puts safety first, all equipment tested and tagged

For more information call Francis on 0406775309 or 95042363
web: robotschool.com.au email: robotschool@hotmail.com

**WELLBEING SECTION – AUGUST**

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!

**Eastern Diversity Group – August Calendar**

EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who are of diverse sexuality and gender (DSG). EDG provides a safe and inclusive space.

**AUGUST 8** DIY Jewellery
**AUGUST 15** Photo Competition… let’s get out and around Centro whoever returns first with the most photos (from a list) wins a surprise, groups of 2!
**AUGUST 22** Orange Candles you’ll be surprised how easy they are 99.9% Orange, 100% Natural
**AUGUST 29** DIY Candle Holders
We meet Thursdays **3:00pm to 5:00pm** In the back space @ Youth ConneXions, Level 2 Box Hill Centro EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who are of diverse sexuality and gender (DSG). EDG provides a safe and inclusive space

**Screen It Film & Games Competition**
Are you a budding film maker, animator or a CGI or video game genius? Screen It 2013 entries close at 5pm on Friday 13 September, 2013. Check out the [Screen It website](#) to register and to access entry forms, additional teacher resources, worksheets and prize updates. There are some great prizes to be won, including a $1,000 prize from Bullying, No Way! for the best primary and secondary school entries that address bullying and how it relates to connectedness.

**Get Ya Head Right Film Competition**
The aim of this event is to generate short three-minute films suitable for digital propagation that deliver useful mental health and wellbeing messages; films made by young people for young people. Students can also win great prizes for them and their school!
Topics for this year’s film competition
- Bullying and Harassment – Don’t be a Bystander, be a Friend
- Racism is NOT Okay
- Getting Back in Touch with Nature and People (Getting Away from TV)
ENTRY CLOSES SEP 2013. Entry details and further information available at [www.getyaheadright.com](http://www.getyaheadright.com)