From the Principal Team

Student Leaders for 2012
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the student leadership teams for their hard work and dedication to their roles throughout the 2012 school year. The Student Leaders and Executives, Arts Captain, Sports Captain, Peer Support Leaders and House Captains have all made a valuable contribution to the College. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as the Dudley leadership team for 2013.

Student Leaders: Jasmine Chambers, Hannah McRae, Weston Sparkes and Fergus McKittrick.

Student Leader Executives: Olivia Gilmour, Jade Macdermid and Alex Duyker.

The McBride student leader selection process will happen early next year.

Headstart
Year 12 (2013)
Students and parents/carers have been allocated a time between Monday 3rd December to Wednesday 5th December where they will meet with a staff member to confirm their subject selection details and receive any other important information regarding 2013. Booklists will also be distributed at this time.

Year 11 (2013)
Head start program will run from Monday 3rd Dec to Fri 7th of December. It is compulsory for all students to attend.

Year 10, 9 & 8 (2013)
Head start program Monday 10th Dec—Friday 14th Dec. Again, this program is compulsory for all students to attend.

Note: Tues 11th Dec current Yr 7 & 8 students are not required at school due to Grade 6 orientation day. Current Year 9 students are required at McBride.

Reports
Reports for all students will be posted out on Thurs 20th of December. Please make sure you have informed the General Office of any changes to your address.

Industrial Action
As you are aware there has been an ongoing industrial dispute between the state government and the Australian Education Union over a new enterprise agreement. As part of this industrial campaign we have been notified that the Australian Education Union has imposed a ban on the provision of any written or numerical assessment data on student reports (reporting of VELS progression points and satisfactory/unsatisfactory for VCE, VCAL and VET is not included in the ban).

Our school has a very clear and comprehensive student reporting policy and the expectation is that teachers will report as per the school policy. However, those teachers who choose to participate in the industrial action and provide less than the school would normally require are participating in protected industrial action provided the teacher is a member of the AEU.

We certainly understand the inconvenience associated with this. While all students will receive reports indicating their progress, there will not be the comprehensive information usually provided in reports by those staff involved in protected industrial action. Teachers will still be assessing all student work and will be available to meet with you should you wish to discuss your child’s progress.

We hope that there is an agreement reached shortly.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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Year 11 students wishing to purchase a year 12 rugby top for next year, with the “class of 2013” printed on the back, must pay their money, $68, at the McBride general office by Wednesday 5th December

CHANGES AND UPDATES TO 2013 BOOKLISTS

STUDENTS considering purchasing second hand texts for 2013, please be aware of the following changes:

YEAR 10
ENGLISH: Successful English1 – Student Book DO NOT PURCHASE FOR 2013 – removed from Booklist.
MATHEMATICS: Mathematics Level A & Level B NEW TEXT FOR 2013: Maths Quest 10+10a AC (Student Text & eBook)
VCE General Mathematics 1 & 2 NEW EDITION FOR 2013: Maths Quest 11 Stand.Gen 2E eBk & Free TI Inspire Companion

YEAR 11
LEGAL STUDIES: 1 & 2; NEW EDITION FOR 2013: Key Concepts VCE Legal Studies
ENGLISH: NEW NOVEL FOR 2013: Romulus My Father (Do not purchase “I’m Scared”)
MATHEMATICS: General Maths B 1 & 2: NEW EDITION FOR 2013: Maths Quest 11 St.Gen. 2E

YEAR 12
BIOLOGY: NEW TEXT FOR 2013: Nature of Biology Book 2 (in place of Heinemann Biology Two – Units 3 & 4)
CHEMISTRY: NEW EDITION FOR 2013: Cambridge Checkpoints VCE Chemistry Units 3 & 4
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: TEXTILES 3 & 4: NEW TEXT FOR 2013: Product Design & Technology VCE 1-4
LEGAL STUDIES: NEW EDITION FOR 2013: Key Concepts VCE Legal Studies

2013 BOOKLISTS

The 2013 booklists will be sent home shortly. The books can be ordered online at either www.wonthaggisc.vic.edu.au (click on “school info” and then “Landmark books”) or www.elandmark.com.au (must use code VJNJ if using landmark website). If you don’t want to use the on-line option, you can return your completed booklist to the school by Friday 14th December and we will forward it on to the book supplier for you.
**BOOK SELLING DAYS 2013**

**Wednesday, 23rd January, 2013 from 1.00pm to 7.00pm.  
Thursday, 24th January, 2013 from 9.30am to 2.30pm.**

Please note the change of time on Wednesday, 23rd January. We received feedback this year from a number of parents who found it difficult to make the necessary arrangements to collect their books between the usual hours of 9.30am to 2.30pm. In 2013 we will be trialling the later time for the Wednesday only to accommodate these parents.

On these 2 days you can pay for and collect your child/children’s 2013 school books, pay your 2013 school charges and subject levies and purchase school uniform.

Parents who are eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) can also apply for their 2013 EMA. Parents who wish to use their EMA to pay for school books, purchase uniform or pay school charges can enter into a credit arrangement with the school on these days.

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**YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOKS 2013**

Next year students studying Level A or Level B Mathematics will need to purchase the new text for the Australian Curriculum (*Maths Quest 10 + 10A*). This can be purchased as a textbook OR an ebook for use on a netbook. **Please do not purchase both.** Details are on the booklist that students will receive during the Year 10 program later this term.

Year 10 PAL students studying Units 1 and 2 General Mathematics can opt to purchase a new edition of the textbook for their course or the previous edition second hand (*Maths Quest 11 Standard General Maths*).

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Tschiderer, McBride Mathematics KLD Coordinator.

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**YEAR 10 CELEBRATION DAY**

This event will see students acknowledged for academic success, sporting prowess, and other contributions and achievements. It will also feature performances from some of our talented students and provides a great opportunity to have all students present to celebrate the success achieved by Year 10 students throughout the year.

*Parents and carers are most welcome and are encouraged to come along and join us. The ceremony will commence at 2pm and will be held at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre.*

Please note that end of year reports for Year 10 will not be distributed at the afternoon – these will be forwarded by mail prior to the summer break.

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**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS FOR WSC STUDENTS**

Congratulations to students Alex Lowe (Year 7) and Anthony Foon (Year 12) who received encouragement awards at the recent Philip Island Jazz Festival. This is the second year that the Festival organisers have coordinated awards for our students and we value their support. In addition to receiving the awards on the day, Alex and Anthony had the opportunity to speak to some of Australia’s leading jazz musicians. Hopefully the advice given will influence both to continue to pursue their studies in music. Well done Alex and Anthony and thank you to the organisers of the Philip Island Jazz Festival!
Year 9 Melbourne camp

Year 9 Gold Coast trip
Year 9 surfing camp
Another successful jewelry course in 2012

Yes, nearly another year over and the students who were involved with the jewelry course this year learnt much and produced some lovely work that they have taken home and are enjoying. Students have learnt designing and drawing, sawing and shaping, silver soldering and enameling. Students have made bracelets, pendants, rings and beaded jewelry. They have worked in copper, brass, nickel silver and sterling silver. The photos attached include just a few items that students have produced.

Mr Van Cuylenburg has been very impressed with the student’s keenness to learn and the quality of designing and construction of pieces made. The classes have been a pleasure to teach.

Bringing a story to life

Another year, another visit from ex-student Vaimoa Asa Leausa, who was able to bring his fantasy readings to life using his wonderful voice characterisation talent. He read extracts from his own childhood favourites, The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter and then accepted requests for animated or film character voices which were a great hit. What did the students think of him? Here are some responses from 7H: ‘Loud but cool, he was awesome, exciting, interesting, great job, so funny, very good, thumbs up, his voices were great, amazing, fantastic and he made the books come alive!’ So ... I guess you could say they really enjoyed his visit
Financial Assistance - Information For New Parents

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account;
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses;
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013, the annual EMA amount is:
- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA.

Closing Date: Parents/guardians need to lodge an EMA application form by 28 February 2013.

For more information about the EMA, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/ema.htm

Schoolkids Bonus:
From January 2013, a new payment called the ‘Schoolkids Bonus’ will be introduced by the Commonwealth Government.

The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive:
- up to $410 for each child in primary school
- up to $820 for each child in secondary school.

For more information about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/information/schoolkids-bonus
**MUSIC NEWS & RECRUITMENT NIGHT**

The Music Recruitment Night for 2013 will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm in Room 1 at the Dudley Campus. The evening provides an opportunity for any students who are not learning a musical instrument at school, as well as current Grade 6 students, to come to an information evening. There they can hear the Junior Band perform, hear demonstrations of various instruments, and learn how to sign up for tuition and Band membership for next year. Instrumental places are limited so preference is given to those who attend the evening. We hope to see you there. Students who are currently learning an instrument are automatically enrolled for next year.

Also, a reminder that it is the annual SGSMP Music Camp next week. Students are to attend the McBride Campus from Monday to Wednesday. The Camp will conclude with a fantastic concert at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre. A great time will be had by all.

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WANTED**

WSC Textiles Department require any unwanted buttons, clean lace, ribbon or ric-rac. It would be greatly appreciated for the use in students projects. Please drop them into the General Office.

**WANTED**

Horticulture Department require 1.25l plastic bottles, if you have any please drop them into the General Office.

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