NOTICE re STUDENT COMPUTERS - FOR PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

In 2011 we received $481 000 from the Federal Government to provide netbook computers to students. These funds are now spent and we do not expect to receive any further funding.

A positive from the program is that we have been able to provide around 1100 computers to Year 10, 11 and 12 students since 2011. On the other hand, the provision of computers at no cost for three years has created a seemingly unfair scenario for students who will now miss out. Year 9 students who go to Year 10 in 2015 will not receive a free computer.

Our Senior Campus is set up to support all students having their own Portable Learning Device (PLD). In 2015 most of our Year 11 and 12 students will have a device that has been previously supplied at no cost. Whilst it is not essential that all students have their own device we plan to facilitate options where new students can purchase or lease a computer. We will enter a BYOD phase for any new students to the campus. BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device. This is the model that many schools have adopted and many others are moving to. Essentially, students purchase a device of their choice (conditions apply) which the school then loads with free software and connects to the school network and school internet.

Students entering Year 10 will be given the option of purchasing their own PLD. It will not be a requirement that students have their own device. Students can opt in or out. It will be a core principle of this model that students who do not have their own device will not be educationally disadvantaged. Desktop computers will be available for use at school and there will also be the option of borrowing PLD’s from the school. For those students who wish to purchase their own device however the school will make arrangements with a selected supplier to provide suitable options at as low a price as possible.

Lease and purchase options will be available.

It is likely that the cheapest suitable device available will be around $450. There are cheaper PLD options available but not all will be compatible with our school network. Before purchasing any unit parents or students should consult with IT staff at the school. Parents or students can of course purchase any unit they wish. If, however it is planned for the unit to be used at school there are some options to be avoided due to technical requirements at school - eg. Chrome-books and iPads (and other tablets). There is also growing folklore that if a student is studying certain VCE options that an Apple Mac is required. Although some “high-end” users may prefer this option it is certainly not a requirement. Once again, contact with IT staff is encouraged.

At this stage we have no plans to introduce a BYOD model at our Dudley campus in 2015. This is a considered decision. Many schools are operating on a one to one model (ie each student has their own computer). Indeed, there are some Primary schools where each student has their own computer. We have continually revisited our position on this in recent years. At this stage we will review the effectiveness of our BYOD program for Year 10 students next year to inform any decision to introduce a similar scheme at Dudley (possibly in 2016).

More information about our plans for 2015 will be available shortly. The purpose of this article is to provide advance warning only. I stress once again that no students will be required to purchase a computer. Participation will be totally voluntary. Any parent who wishes to discuss any of the above is welcome to contact me at the school.

Garry Dennis - College Principal
Important Dates

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Reports, Pupil Free Day, Exams & A New Semester!

It is a very busy time of the year as teachers at both campuses commence final correction and report writing for Semester 1. Please bear in mind that Friday June 13 is a pupil free day as teachers will be finalising their assessments for the semester.

Exams

Exams are scheduled in the coming weeks for McBride students. Year 11 exams commence on Friday June 6th and conclude on Thursday June 12th. Timetables have been distributed to Year 11 students outlining their exam commitments. There will also be mid-year exams in most Year 10 subjects but these will be conducted in regular class time.

Year 12 GAT and Health & Wellbeing Workshops

The annual General Achievement Test (GAT) is scheduled for Wednesday June 11th. Year 12 VCE students (and Year 11 students undertaking a Year 12 VCE subject) are required to sit the GAT as part of their program.

On the afternoon of June 11th, following the GAT, all Year 12 students will be involved in a series of Health & Wellbeing sessions. Presenters will be visiting the school to offer strategies and support to our Year 12 students during this particularly important time in their education. All Year 12 students are required to attend as per our usual requirements.

New Semester

A new semester commences for all McBride students on Monday June 16th and it is important that students make a positive start. Semester 2 at Dudley does not commence until Term 3 and Semester 1 classes will continue until the end of this term (Friday June 27th).

It really is a hectic time for staff and students alike!

Talented Students Concert

Tickets are now on sale at the General Office for the 2014 Talented Students Concert. This is an annual event that showcases the performing and visual art students of our school. It is a hugely popular concert and regularly sells out. Concert bands, big bands and rock bands; dancing, singing and drama. The show has it all and is well worth seeing.

Buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

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Tickets are available at the General Office of both McBride and Dudley Campus.
Payment of School Charges

Wonthaggi Secondary College has one of the lowest fee structures in the State while offering an expansive selection of subjects. Some elective subjects incur a subject levy which enables these classes to run. It is essential that these levies are paid otherwise we may run out of money to purchase ingredients for cooking or to pay for buses to the surf etc....

All outstanding charges, with the exception of the Student Resource Charge and the School Magazine are due and payable. If you don’t wish to pay the Student Resource Charge or receive a School Magazine we will remove these charges at your request.

We recently sent out statements to families with outstanding charges. It would be appreciated if you could commence payment of the outstanding charges promptly.

If payment of the full amount would prove difficult, we are happy to take regular instalments. Payment can be made at the office of either Campus with cash, EFTPOS or credit card being the preferred method. We can also accept direct payments to the Schools Official account:

**BANK:** Westpac Banking Corporation  
**ACCOUNT NAME:** Wonthaggi Secondary College Official Account  
**BSB:** 033-265  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 194569

Please ensure to put a clear identifier in the description field. The 3 letter, 4 digit student ID, which appears on your statement is best.

If you don’t have any outstanding charges you will not receive a statement. However, if you would like to receive a statement (at any time), we are happy to send one out upon request.

Stephen Plumb - Business Manager

L2P: Learner Driver Mentor Program

**Wonthaggi Secondary College students gain important driving experience**

The required 120 hours of driving experience is often difficult to obtain – for a variety of reasons. The Bass Coast L2P learner driver mentor program offers young people the opportunity to gain driving experience with a trained mentor. The VicRoads L2P - learner driver mentor program assists learners under 21 years of age, who do not have access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to gain the driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence. Young people are matched with fully licensed volunteer mentors and have access to use a sponsored vehicle to gain supervised driving experience. L2P is free for eligible young people and is funded by the TAC and local sponsors.

Currently Wonthaggi Secondary College has almost a dozen students participating in the program and now more students have the opportunity to participate with L2P announcing that they now have a car, sponsored by the Bass Coast Community Foundation, located at the Corinella & District Community Centre.

This initiative is managed by the Wonthaggi Neighborhood House. For further information contact Mr. Owen or:

**L2P Coordinator:** Veronica Dowman  
5672 3731  
0467 590 679  
basscoastl2p@hotmail.com

Pictured below is Maddi Sirianni and volunteer, Neil Beddoe.
The Scot Gardner Experience

Wonthaggi Secondary College, Dudley Campus puts an enormous amount of time and effort into engaging students in reading. Recently, multi-award winning author, Scot Gardner, was invited to WSC to get Year 9 students interested in books. Some students may have been a little resistant to the idea of enjoying an ‘author’ visit, but their fears of a boring presentation were very quickly dispelled. Scot is an A class presenter who charms and engages his audience with a thick layer of humour. He definitely could have a stint in the Melbourne Comedy Festival!

Scot introduced Year 9’s to his numerous books, including the novel The Dead I Know – which won him the Children’s Book Council of Australia, older reader award – the most prestigious children’s award in Australia. Students soon realised they were in the presence of author royalty and a true story teller.

A group of students with potential as writers were also selected to participate in a Writing Workshop. They laughed and wrote their way through an invaluable session which will help them hone their writing skills. Some of the comments made by these students when asked about their experience included: “Was absolutely amazing and funny...”, “It was ridiculously AMAZING”, “Thank you Scot for being funny. You are an inspiration”, “I missed art and sport for this but it was great fun. So worth it!”, “Thank you. It was such an inspiration for someone who hopes to be able to write books one day.” These comments say it all.

Congratulations

The College wishes to congratulate Sean Casey and Campbell McKenzie on making the Division 1 squad of Gippsland Power. Recently the boys played in the V/Line Cup. The boys won two of their three games in a recent carnival and missed out on playing in the grand final by 0.04%.

Sean was named in the top 5 for one game and Campbell named in the top five for each game.

Congratulations to Kyle Reid and Lochlan Scott who were in the Division 2 squad. The boys won one of their games finishing 5th in the competition overall. Lochlan was named in the best for two games.

From Campbell’s performance during the V/Line Cup he has now received an invitation to participate in the School Sport Victoria 15 Years and Under Australian Football Selection Program.

LATE NEWS: Campbell has been successful and is now a part of the Victorian School Sport 15 Years and Under Australian Football team and will compete in Sydney from July 19-26. Congratulations!
VCAL - Herb Garden

For their Personal Development Skills Unit, 11H VCAL created a portable herb garden. The whole group created a plan for the garden, then wrote letters to get approval for the costs involved. James Kennedy and Ethan were responsible for the majority of the welding involved, with James taking on the extra responsibility of being the group’s safety officer. Jacob and Glen learned some new skills and gave advice during the welding process. Kassey-Lee and Courtney also helped with the assembly, learning and practising essential skills like metal cutting. Josh and Ethan were responsible for the wood cutting, while Jesse and Matt helped by lining the boxes. Haylee, Paige, James Steeves, Karley, Kirstie and Emma helped with assembly and planted the boxes. They were also responsible for keeping the garden watered while the frame was being assembled. 11H showed excellent teamwork, optimism and resilience during the task, overcoming many obstacles and maintaining their enthusiasm. The finished garden is an excellent addition to the school and a great example of what can be achieved through teamwork and developing skills in VCAL.

Netball Report

The intermediate girls defeated Leongatha and Mirboo North convincingly but lost to both South Gippsland and Korumburra Secondary by an agonizing margin of one goal in each.

The formidable defence of Aimee Tessari, Hannah McRae and Olivia Gilmour backed up efficiently each time whilst Darrien Burrell and Jade Macdermid feed smoothly into the mixed goalie combination of Brianna Pupetti, Elise De Santis and Hannah Sparkes. Both Tahlia Andrighetto and Jess Tiziani ran all day long and turned out to be a handy goal defensive pair. Overall the girls finished 3rd.

Intermediate A results:
WSC 18 v LSC 4  WSC 9 v KSC 10
WSC 6 v SGSC7  WSC 17 v MNSC 4

The one and only netball team undefeated on the day, the Senior B team, won playing Mirboo North Secondary College twice and thrashing them 64 to 2 across the two games. Emma Ton and Hayley Moxey worked well combining in the goals with Leah Burston, Claire Finlay and Molly Hamilton taking the ball down the court swiftly. The defence of Bonni Garry, Maegan McMahon and Jesse Wagner showed off allowing Mirboo North to only shoot two goals for the entire game.

They will go on to the Gippsland finals on Thursday, July 31st. Good luck gals!

Below: Senior B Netball team
Interschool Cross Country Success

On Friday 30th May a number of students from both the Dudley and McBride Campus travelled to South Gippsland Secondary College to compete against a number of local schools for the title of cross country champions.

This year marked the 38th anniversary of the event and it proved to be a competitive year, as for the first time in the events history, each and every one of the five schools competing had full teams from the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.

There were many chances for the competitors to experience success both as an individual and as part of a team. Wonthaggi Secondary College experienced success in many of the divisions.

Our 13 boys and 13 girls teams both tasted victory in the team events, with both teams taking out 1st place.

The 14 girls team also taking out their teams event with the 14 boys coming a close 2nd only going down by two points.

With the results from the 13 and 14 boys and girls combined Wonthaggi Secondary College was able to take out both the junior boys and girls trophies.

In the intermediate category Wonthaggi Secondary College tasted success once again. Both the 15 boys and 16 girls crossed the finish line as champions while the 15 girls and 16 boys finished in 2nd place. Both girls and boys teams finished 2nd in the overall intermediate category by extremely narrow margins.

Our junior students at the Dudley Campus were not the only ones to savour victory as students from the McBride Campus also gave their competition a run for their money. The senior boys finished 3rd in their category and the senior girls finished 2nd in their category.

Outstanding individual performances that deserve a mention are;

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With all of our competition students results combined, we were able to take out the boys, girls and grand aggregate. A big well done to all students from Wonthaggi Secondary Students who participated and good luck to those students who are moving on to the next stage, go get em!
Breakfast Program

The Brekky Program has started again this term with a bang! This is the fifth year that this program has been running and it has become part of the school culture during terms two and three.

For the third year running Edge Youth have supplied volunteers to help with the onslaught of young people demanding buttered toast and hot milo’s on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. But, not all of these trainee youth workers are on toast or milo duty. The spare volunteers mix with the students to try and make the start of their school day more enjoyable and less dreary!

Once again Connell’s Bakery are donating bread to this program and Coles have jumped on board for the first time. We want to thank both these companies for their support and donations. Please personally thank them as you do your own personal shop in Wonthaggi!

Why Learn Japanese Excursion

The previous Friday brought fun to thirteen students of Wonthaggi Secondary College - an all day excursion to Monash University for a Why Learn Japanese presentation.

Despite starting the day at 7:30am, we all enjoyed the bus trip which included a game of Truth or Dare. Arriving at the Campus, you could tell from the start that this was a big place - I wouldn’t be surprised if they had their own postcode!

After walking around the campus for 20 minutes (well it was probably 30 but enjoyed it so much, the time went quickly) we all attended the presentation in their theatre or lecture hall (I’m not sure which one, so we’ll go with a theatre where the movies are about students going to lectures). This started with a few people (including a government trade worker) talking about how they use Japanese in their lives.

This is when we stopped for a half hour lunch break and considering the last thing we ate was breakfast, we deserved it. Then we returned to the theatre to watch a Japanese movie called “New Trendy.” After this we left for the bus for Wonthaggi, all tired after our long day.

A massive thank you to Mr Misawa and Ms Copeland (Mrs Harris) for taking us and putting up with our games on the bus trip.

Tom Mendes - 9F

WANTED:

Horticulture at Dudley need 2, 1.5 and 1.25 litre plastic soft drink bottles to complete their greenhouse. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.
Tertiary Information Sessions

Recently Year 12 students had the opportunity to receive information about their intended pathways at the Gippsland Tertiary Information Session - held at Leongatha Secondary College. Students from Leongatha SC, Mary MacKillop and Korumburra SC attended.

Our year 12’s heard about their tertiary options and also gained valuable information on the sometimes daunting process of applying for a course through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

After the presentation, students were able to talk to representatives from a range of universities and TAFE’s.

Michael Owen

McBride Students Support ‘Doctors Without Borders’

Last Friday McBride students conducted an out of uniform day and sausage sizzle to raise funds for ‘Doctors Without Borders’ (Medecins Sans Frontieres). This event was coordinated by the Student Representative Council and raised over $600.

Doctors Without Borders’/Médecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) is a private, international association. The association is made up mainly of doctors and health sector workers and is also open to all other professions which might help in achieving its aims. All of its members agree to honor the following principles:

MSF provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters, and to victims of armed conflict. They do so irrespective of race, religion, creed, or political convictions.

MSF observes neutrality and impartiality in the name of universal medical ethics and the right to humanitarian assistance and claims full and unhindered freedom in the exercise of its functions.

Members undertake to respect their professional code of ethics and maintain complete independence from all political, economic, or religious powers.

As volunteers, members understand the risks and dangers of the missions they carry out and make no claim for themselves or their assigns for any form of compensation other than that which the association might be able to afford them.
Music Recital Night

Our VCE music students recently performed their Semester 1 recital pieces at the McBride Theatre.

The performances were of a very high standard and were thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Congratulations and well done to Hannah, Jake, Jess, Britt and Damien.

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Community Announcements

Gippsland Youth Services Directory is now available for all young people, parents, families, teachers, schools and support workers and will provide easy access to youth services in Gippsland.

Users can select a local government area and service type they would like to locate and will be directed to a selection of organisations.

Listed services include:
- Money
- Sexual Identity
- Health
- Mental Health
- Community & Leisure
- Accommodation
- Legal Help
- Koorie Support
- Bullying
- Family Violence
- Jobs & Courses
- Drug & Alcohol
- New Arrivals
- Disability

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Would $500 help you pay for school uniforms, books or a laptop?

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, through Saver Plus.

You may be eligible if you have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Reshma Raichura-Manani, your local Saver Plus Worker on 0434 314 219 / 03 5623 3414 or rraichura-manani@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Bass Coast and South Gippsland by Berry Street.
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