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### Principal’s message...

**Student Achievement**

At our recent college assembly I reflected on the diverse range of programs and courses that this college provides for our students. Students at Box Hill Senior are presented with a wide array of support structures that allows them to choose from a vast range of options such as University, TAFE, the USA College system, traineeships, apprenticeships, professional sport or sustainable employment once they leave school. Every student has the opportunity to select the pathway that best fits their aspirations, interests and dreams and each option is considered to be equally successful.

However, such a range of options means very little unless each individual student is motivated towards a personal best philosophy for achieving their desired pathway. At the assembly I challenged each student to reflect on their Semester 1 report, their most recent Grade Point Average and the last Parent Student Conference to gain an honest evaluation about whether they are on track to achieve their personal pathway option. Although the year is drawing to close very quickly, it is still not too late for any student to turn around their academic performance. Despite the support that parents, teachers and student coordinators can, and do provide, it is up to every single student to find the right level of internal motivation to succeed.

**High Performance Sports Conditioning Centre**

I am delighted to announce that tenders have closed for the refurbishment of the old Home Economics building into a High Performance Sports Centre. The winning tender was PVP Constructions. Council has formally approved the proposal and I will be meeting shortly with our architect, PVP Constructions and Eastern Metropolitan Region to finalise the contract details and work out a start date.

When work begins all timetabled classes in this building will be reallocated to other parts of the college. I know that any short term disruption will be balanced out by the finished product - a state of the art sporting complex that should be ready for the start of the 2009 academic year.

**Box Hill Senior’s ‘very own’ Charlie Evans**

One of the best decisions we have made this year was to appoint Charlie Evans to run our Horticulture and Landscape program. Charlie has proven himself to be a very innovative and inspiring teacher for the students who are in this program.

When Charlie is not working with our students he runs one of Victoria’s top design firms, Urbaneco. Recently under Charlie’s direction Urbaneco won a silver medal at the Singapore International Garden Festival with an
entry that showcased indigenous Australian plants and natural materials. The silver medal was presented by the President of Singapore.

Under Charlie’s guidance our students have started to put into place a number of very impressive projects around the college that are similarly based around the use of indigenous plants and water conservation themes. The new gardens at the front of the college and at the MY Tennis School are examples of some of the excellent landscaping work that is being undertaken by Charlie and our Horticulture and Landscaping students.

Steve Cook
Principal

Student Management Report

We are almost half way through third term. For year 12 students in particular this is an extremely busy time. All coursework and SAC’s will be completed by the end of term. Year 12 students only attend for the first three weeks of term four. It is vital that year 12 students do not lose focus. There are literally only a few weeks left till the end of the year. The College has made the decision to introduce practice exams at the start of term four. In most subjects 50% of the subject study score is derived from the final exam so thorough preparation is critical.

Year 10 & 11 students will undergo final exams in term four. Timetables for all exams will be distributed to the students shortly.

Attendance

A reminder that students are expected to maintain an approved attendance rate of at least 90%. Not meeting this requirement may result in a student receiving a fail in one or more subjects. If you require a current list of absences contact the appropriate student coordinator. At present, there a large number of students who have not provided notes or medical certificates to explain their absences.

VTAC Information Night

A large number of parents and students attended the recent VTAC information evening. John Curran provided a thorough explanation of the process. Any parent/guardian who was not able to attend the information session is welcome to contact John at the college. Most of the year 12 students have had an appointment with John to discuss their options for 2009. Any student who missed their appointment should see John regardless of their intentions for 2009. The college is keen to provide support and advice to all students whether they are considering University, TAFE or employment for next year. Additional careers information is included elsewhere in this edition of Contact.

Subject/Course Selections for 2009

Year 10 going to Year 11

An information night for parents will be held on Tuesday August 12 in the College hall at 7.30pm. The aim of the evening is to explain the options available to students for 2009 and the selection process. The students are currently completing career investigation work as part of their Humanities subject. The students will receive information in relation to specific subjects and courses at the ‘Subject Selection Expo’ that will be held on Thursday August 14. A number of information sessions will be held on this day and students will be required to book into the sessions that interest them. All Year 11 students are expected to take 6 subjects.

Parents are encouraged to discuss 2009 subject and course selection with you son or daughter and contact the appropriate mentor if you have any concerns. Students should be aware that entry into year 11 is not automatic and is dependent upon satisfactory results across all year 10 subjects and a demonstrated aptitude and interest in the course or subjects chosen.

Some subject and courses will fill. There may also be subjects that do not run due to low numbers. Students who miss out on their first preference will be counselled on alternative choices.
Year 11 going to Year 12
Students have received a year 12 subject selection form and this should have been returned to their mentor. Please ensure that any unreturned forms are received asap. Generally students should continue with subjects studied in year 11. Parents or students needing further advice should contact the student’s mentor, the relevant subject teacher or course coordinator, or the student coordinator. All Year 12 students are expected to take 5 subjects

Early Finish
Wednesday August 6
The College will be holding 2009 enrolment interviews on Wednesday August 6. This will involve all staff members. As a result there will be an early finish for students. All classes for the day will run with the 90 minute sessions being reduced to 60.

Students should note that there is only have one break for the day. Therefore, students should ensure that they have something to eat and drink at recess.

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Periods 8 & 9 will be cancelled which means there will be no mentor session.

Jim Ellison
Assistant Principal

Yr 12 Achieve Your B.E.S.T Seminar
On Thursday July 31, Year 12 students attended a follow-up seminar presented by Darren Pereira. The seminar focused on practical exam and study techniques which all students found useful. At times, students found Darren confronting and were challenged to strive to reach their potential. We hope that all Year 12 students are able to apply some of Darren’s techniques to their studies.

Frank De Melis
Yr 12 Coordinator

Year 12 Celebration Dinner
Date: Tuesday October 21 (Term 4)
Venue: Karralyka Centre, Ringwood

(Further details to be mailed home shortly)!

New Enrolments for 2009
The college has commenced 2009 enrolments for years 10, 11 and 12.

We know that our best promotion comes from our past and present students and families. If you are talking to family or friends with students who may be considering their school options and pathways please mention BHSSC.

We offer a full range of VCE subjects and courses. A full list is available on our web site www.bhssc.vic.edu.au

Information sessions and tours are running each Wednesday morning at 9.15am.

This provides prospective students and parents with the opportunity to hear from the Principal and to see the college in action. There is no need to book for these sessions.
VCE VET PROGRAMS CURRENTLY ON OFFER @ BHSSC

- Certificate III in Multimedia*
- Certificate III Concept development for clothing products (fashion) *
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Shared Technologies)
- Certificate II in Hospitality (with BHI TAFE)*
- Certificate III in Information Technology (partial completion)
- Certificate II (Foundation) and Certificate III in Music (Technical Production) or Certificate III in Music
- Certificate II & partial completion of Certificate III in Community Recreation (Sport & Recreation)
- Certificate II in Horticulture (Landscape)

Red = eligible for study score or ENTER

PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE @ BHSSC

- Certificate II in Engineering studies (manufacturing)
- Certificate II Plumbing (1 year only)
- Certificate II in Building and Construction – Carpentry stream (full)
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (career start) (1 year only new in 2009)

VET PROGRAMS DELIVERED BY OUR PARTNERS BHI TAFE (ONLY IF NUMBERS ALLOW)

- Certificate II in Community Service (with selected units from Cert III in both Community Services work and Children’s Services)*
- Certificate II in Equine Industry* Applications processed directly on receipt order by BHI
- Certificate II in Animal Studies (1 year only) applications processed directly on receipt order by BHI

BLOCK CREDIT VET PROGRAMS

- Certificate III Meeting and Events (1 year)
- Certificate III in Screen (Film & TV)
- Certificate II Beauty
- Certificate II Hair

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WANTED FOR 2009 (ONLY IF NUMBERS ALLOW)

- Certificate II in Dance
- Certificate III in Meetings & Events (expanded in 2009)

SCHOOL BASED NEW APPRENTICESHIPS

- Hair
- Automotive

* denotes changes anticipated in 2009

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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 Co-ordinators office.

Year 12 students destinations in 2009.

All Year 12 students have been given a copy of the booklet “ABC of Applying” which sets out all the information that is required to apply for courses next year. It also gives information on Open Days for all institutions. Applications for courses open on 4th August and close on 30th September. All applications are completed online through the website www.vtac.edu.au.

If your son or daughter requires any assistance in course selection or with their application please ask them to see John Curran.

Career information for Year 10 & 11 students

Open Days are an important element of the tertiary course selection process. They give students a great opportunity to find out more information about the course and the institution they may wish to attend. Details of dates for 2008 can be found on www.vtac.edu.au

If you would like any further information please contact John Curran on 9895 1119.

Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience for Year 10 students is optional this year. It may be taken in a 1 week block at a time that is suitable for both the College and the employer.
IT IS VITAL THAT A WORK EXPERIENCE ARRANGEMENT FORM IS FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES PRIOR TO THE STUDENT ATTENDING THE WORKPLACE.

Work Experience only becomes legal when the Principal signs the completed form.

If this is not done prior to going on the placement your son or daughter is not legally covered for insurance purposes.
If you require further information or a form please contact John Curran in the Co-ordinators office.

"Go Girl, Go For It"
Fun, Free Interactive IT Career Showcase
Secondary School Girls Years 10 to 12
Deakin Uni Burwood Campus
Tuesday 28th October or Wednesday 29th October

The number of girls choosing to study or work in IT remains very low. It seems many girls are not aware of the opportunities that a career in IT can offer or the important skills they have to bring to this industry.

Topics covered on the day include: forensic IT, IT in fashion & sport, computer games & animation and technology and the environment.
For further information please go to www.vicictforwomen.com.au to register online.

Music Department Recording Project

The second week of term three saw music students going into the studio to record the annual C.D. Of the nine tracks that were recorded eight are original songs written by students. The songs were engineered and produced by instrumental staff Robi Parolin, Steve Vertigan and Greg MacMillan with assistance from Music Industry Skills students.

The project generated a fabulous level of excitement and energy around the music department and it’s set to be the best CD produced by the school to date.

We are aiming to release it at the annual concert late in August. The CD will be available for $10.00 per copy.

Below is a photo of Wildside, one of the bands featured on the CD.
(Left to right – Aaron Beale, Joey Simpson, Axel Winter, Dom Veljanovski and Chris Anderson)

Excursions

On 22/7/08 the Unit 4 Biology classes of Cameron Black and Louise Macfarlane enjoyed an excursion to the University of Melbourne Genetics Department. Two SACs were completed in this busy morning with the students performing DNA analysis by gel electrophoresis, examination of bacteria transformed to have a copper resistance and examination of mutant fruit flies. The students demonstrated their grasp of the genetics involved admirably.

The Genetics departments demonstrators were complementary of the mature attitude shown by our students.

Students enjoyed their exploration of the University campus (particularly Union House). Several students took the opportunity to visit a lecture theatre (the biggest classroom they had experienced) and familiarise themselves with the arts court yard.
BHSSC’s strong connection with Basketball Victoria has seen us being selected to assist them in their preparation for Beijing.

Australian veteran basketballer Kristi Harrower is seen here flicking out a quick pass during the scratch match. The Opals finetuned their Olympics preparation with a 100-70 win over our senior boys team.

Opals assistant coach, Gary Fox, said the match was invaluable particularly with our boys being tall, quick and with long arms, the girls had to play differently. Although the Opals opened with a handy 26 point lead at quarter time, we won the second term and all but split the 3rd quarter. Unfortunately the Opals careered away in the last quarter.

Box Hill guard Jordan Steinohrt, said “it was a lot more intense and physical than I thought it would be. We knew they were really good shooters, but it was really competitive.”

**Past BHSSC students on USA Basketball Scholarships.**

On Wednesday 30th July a USA College Lunch was held at BHSSC to congratulate the past year 12 students on their achievements of receiving a USA Scholarship.

All students were able to share their experiences with one another and identified their school on the USA map, which will now be located in the school gym for others to see.

Students came from a range of sports including basketball, tennis and Lacrosse.

Special thanks to Maureen who put the lunch together.
Cross Country

U13 Girl’s individual - Emily Chryssanthakopoulos came 2nd and the top 10 are competing in the State Final at Bundoora Park on 1 August. We wish you well Emily!

VICTORIAN STATE GOLD MEDAL!

Congratulations to Josh Wilcher and Sam Creed for winning GOLD in the Australian Junior Championships held in Ballarat.

Josh Wilcher - Captain - Vic boys team 88 beat SA 70. Josh had a high of 24 points and 5 assists.

Sam Creed - Captained - Vic team 57 Beat WA 54 in overtime.

In the under 16 National Championships, Owen Odigie (Year 10), representing Victoria in the team winning the Silver Medal.

Senior Victorian College Championships was played on Monday 21st July. Both our girls and boys 2nd teams won on the day and are now progress along with our first side to the next round.

Senior Girls’ Football

A courageous team of girls played their hearts out to win the Eastern Metropolitan Zone finals on Thursday July 29. We played four games on the day and won all very convincingly, including the final against Scoresby Secondary College. The girls’ next games will be the State semi finals where we play the winners other zones. Hopefully, then the state grand final!

Unfortunately, because of a year 10 basketball tournament scheduled on the same day, many of our year 10 girls who were valuable members of our successful team that won District, were unable to play. We look forward to them rejoining the team for the next stage of the campaign.

Thankyou to a number of new players, Sarah Collins, Tash Connor, Emma Graham, Erin Surplice, Bianca Brzezek-Canale, Emma Dare and Elyse Stephens, who stepped in to fill in the gaps. Without them winning would have been very difficult. We hope that they will stay with the team.
Thankyou also to the parents who came along as spectators: special thanks to Jenny Potter who kept the girls well hydrated and ran boundary for the final game.

Everyone was a star on the day. They played hard and worked well as a team. The team would not have been able to achieve this however, without the dedicated coaching of Brenton Legg and Daniel Wood. This is the second year of coaching for the boys of the Senior Girls' football team. They have provided sound guidance and support throughout our campaign. We would like to wish them both well in their match on Saturday at the MCG.

It is difficult to choose who was best on ground because all girls gave 100%, however, Nicole Goodridge again proved to be a formidable force all around the ground. Jodie Marsh never gave up. Chantelle, Natalie and Abbi displayed some pretty good moves, and Adair tackled hard all day. Bec Pearce, who got out of her sick bed to play, showed our opponents how to play the game properly. Keltie Blake gave strong support in the back-line. Goal scorers, Nicole, Bec, Elle, Michael, Tash and Sarah made sure that we got over the line every time. Well done!

Kathryn Curlis (the teacher who wants to win a state final!)

**Senior Boys’ Football**

Senior boys football will play on **the MCG at 11:00 on Saturday the 2nd August** against Ballarat High.

The match will be a curtain raiser for the Melbourne v Essendon game. The boys defeated some tough opposition in Hallam, Wonthaggi and Wodonga in the state semi finals to progress through to the final. This is the third final in a row for BHSSC having won 5 out of the last 10 years.

The intermediate boy football team won the Eastern Zone on last Wednesday 23rd July. The boys played extremely well all day, eventually winning the final against Brentwood. The team will play in the State Semi finals on 23rd August.

Year 11 Sport and Rec students umpired Auskick games at half time at two AFL games last weekend. Essendon/Collingwood and Brisbane/Richmond. Students will also umpire at half time at the Melbourne v Geelong game at the MCG 8th August.

**NETBALL**

**Girls Netball**

I would like to congratulate the BHSSC girls who played in the Waverley International Schools netball championships over the holidays. Tarryn Cross took on the role of bringing the team together, which consisted of B district winners.

Although making the Grand Final, where they were competitive but just could not match it with the eventual winners. Well done to Britt McGinley, Tarryn Cross, Lily Delva, Sarah Hauser, Sarah Read, El Watson, Kate Caulfield, Dee Sanelli, Tara Denny, Nic Goodridge, Erin Surplice and Abby Weatherald.
Senior Boys Netball
Congratulations to the senior boy’s netball team winning through to zone and playing in the Grand Final just missing out on going to state by four goals. The young men were fantastic and their athleticism was just great to see. Congratulations go to Aaron Conlon, Kent Barlow, Josh Wilcher, Dejan Kostur, Callan Tate, Jarryd Moss, Jacko McKay and Jordan Bayley

Rugby Excursion
On Thursday the 17th of July, our Year 10 Sport and Rec boys travelled to Parkville to participate in a rugby tournament run by the Melbourne Storm.

Preparation for the boys consisted of the rugby training they had done in class and a couple of clinics run by the Storm, they hadn’t played in an actual competitive game before. Considering this, and the fact that the schools they played against actually had rugby teams, the boys did a fantastic job.

While they didn’t win a game, their outstanding natural talents led to a couple of draws and a narrow loss to Parkdale, a team containing three boys who are in the Storm development squad. The running games of Aaron Johns, Taylor Veal and Mikael Avramov, the leadership of Josh Ralph, the kicking of Daniel Cooper and the sheer toughness of Tom Barnard provided inspiration for a team that barely knew the rules. Well done boys, you represented the school fantastically.

Paul Sturgess

SPORTS PROGRAMS PAYMENTS
Please note for those families paying the sports charges by quarterly instalment, that the final payment is due on 29/8/08. Payments can be made by credit card, bank transfer, cheque or cash. For further information contact Karen Leeder on 98900571 or email kleeder@bhssc.vic.edu.au

MYTS News
On Monday 28th July, the students at My Tennis School planted nearly 100 shrubs, grasses, trees and ground cover around the Tennis School as part of the National Tree Day. This was sponsored by the Whitehorse council, who supplied the plants. Our current horticulturist Daryl assisted the students with the planting. The day will be followed up in class with the Yr 5/6 group developing a collage and the other classes submitting a photo spread for a number of competitions run by Planet Ark.

A warm welcome to Elizabeth Peers
We are pleased to announce that Elizabeth Peers has been appointed as the new Director for the Tennis program. Elizabeth comes highly credentialled. She was recently the Player Development Manager for Tennis Victoria. Her playing career included playing at Wimbledon and at the US Open. Her daughter, Sally, recently played in the girls doubles final at Wimbledon and her son is currently studying and playing tennis on a US College scholarship.
Other News

**BOXFEST!!!!!!**

It's on again! Boxfest, the music department’s annual concert will once again be held at Barbukka, 279 Smith Street Fitzroy.
The date is Wednesday night, August 27.
The show will kick off around 7.00 pm. Tickets will be available at the office and at the door for $10.00.
Don’t miss the year’s biggest night of rock!

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**BHSSC Debutante Ball 2008**

*Saturday 16th August*

Doors open at 7.00pm sharp
The Grand on Cathies Lane
90 Cathies Lane, Wantirna South

Adults: $65
Under 12’s: $30

* The price of the tickets includes a three course meal, soft drink, tea and coffee.
  Alcohol can be purchased at bar prices.

An order form must be submitted with payment to secure your place at this year’s event.
Collect a form from the coordinators office and arrange a table today.
All group sizes accommodated, from 2 – 20.

Contact Damian Dwyer or Amy Pascoe for additional information
ddwyer@bhssc.vic.edu.au orapascoe@bhssc.vic.edu.au

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**Year 12 Formal**

*Held at*

**The Lincoln of Toorak**
Level Two, Trak Center, 445 Toorak Road, Toorak

*on*

**Friday the 24th October 2008**

7.30pm ~ Midnight

**Semi Formal**

Tickets: $90 for partial bar service (if over 18)
$75 for non drinking tickets