**Welcome students and parents to semester 2. Many students have started new units and have new teachers for these units. The start of semester two should be viewed by students as an excellent opportunity to build on the successes of semester 1 and work to improve their weaknesses. We are all looking forward to a successful term 3 and a successful semester. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the following new staff to our College and wish them well in their teaching this semester:**

- Adrienne Perry - 0.4 Instrumental Music
- James Belfield - 1.0 English
- Carmel Oldham - 0.8 English
- Tom Lyon - 1.0 English/SOSE
- Lonnie Allan - 1.0 English
- Matthew Cox - 1.0 PE/Maths
- Karen Sandman - 1.0 Science (Term 3)

**SEMESTER REPORTS AND GOAL SETTING**

You have received your child’s report with this newsletter at the end of last semester. The report can also be accessed by looking on e-workspace, your child can help you with this. I encourage all parents to sit down and go through these results with your child. Students will be asked to reflect on their results and then set new goals for semester 2 during their Learning Group sessions early this term. At year 10 and 11 students will also be asked to reflect on their exam preparation and results. We hope all parents also discuss the goals students are setting themselves in semester 2. Each Learning Team will be contacting parents of students who have underperformed in semester 1. It is important that we all work together to get these students back on track. In week 3 of this term we shall also have a celebration assembly to recognise the top performers in semester 1. I will publish the award winners in the next parent newsletter.

**STUDENT PUPIL FREE DAY – STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

On Monday July 30th the College has a pupil free day where staff will complete a professional development day. The day will consist of three sessions based on the College strategic direction and Teaching and Learning practices. These development sessions are part of the College’s commitment to continue to reflect and improve on our professional practice.

**STUDENT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND LATE TO CLASS PROCEDURES**

In the previous newsletter there was information about new procedures for students late to class. A description of the procedure is also on the website. This procedure is in place to ensure student fulfil their responsibility to be on time and not affect the learning of others. Parents should familiarise themselves with these procedures.

Secondly, the College also published information about having a progress score of 50 or more to qualify for participation in non curricular activities, for example interschool sport. Parents need to be aware students who don’t have satisfactory commitment in the class room will missed out on non curriculum related activities. All students have three progress scores published each semester and therefore opportunities to improve their scores. These details were published in the June newsletter which can be found on the College website.
COLLEGE UNIFORM

In the colder months of the year some students wear non uniform items over or instead of the current uniform. It is the College Council’s belief that there are sufficient layers in the uniform to keep students warm. Students and parent please understand the following uniform aspects.

- Navy track suit pants are not school uniform (except for PE or Sport) and pants must be tailored navy pants.
- Non uniform jackets and hoodies are not allowed to be worn over the College uniform while on the school grounds even with a parent note.
- T bar shoes or non black shoes are not part of the College uniform.
- White T shirts not coloured T shirts should be under the uniform shirts.
- It is the student’s responsibility to bring a note signed by their parent or guardian if they are out of uniform.

2013 COURSE SELECTION PREPARATION

The preparation for the student courses in 2013 begins this term. Given the College’s pathways structure the choice for students from year 8 to 12 can be complex. It is important students and parents get fully involved in this process so students get the best courses tailored for their needs. Again this year all students from years 8 to 11 will have a student and parent interview with a course advisor as part of the process. The College will also run one year 8 to 12 course selection evening rather that a range of nights. More information regarding this process will be published to parents in the first half of this term. An important date for parents is the Course selection evening on Thursday, August 16th, I hope parents will attend this important evening.

YEAR 11 INTERSTATE TRIP AND YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The year 11 ten day interstate trip to the Northern Territory was highly successful with the staff involved very positive about the behaviour and attitude of the students participating. The students all reported how great the trip was. I thank the staff, Di Croft, Ben Stein, Lauren Clapperton and Kevin Thorpe who attended the central trip giving up a week of their midyear break. The work experience week was also highly successful with many positive reports from employers. I hope year 10 students enjoyed the experience and that the week will help them focus on future careers and pathways. Thank you to the Careers and Pathways team for their organisation of the week.

WELL DONE

On Tuesday 17th of July, 9 students from yr 7-10 competed for Drouin Secondary College in the State Cross Country event at Bundoora Park, Bundoora. The students were all very excited to be running for their school. They all ran really well on the day in good conditions. A special mention to Tiana Broadway who came in 9th position and Cody Orgill who came in 28th. Everyone worked hard to achieve a good result for our school.

On Thursday 19th of July, the senior boy and girls basketball teams went to Warragul to compete in the local competition. There was great team contributions from all players involved. Both teams lost one game and won a game. Well done to everyone who had a go and participated for our team. The senior boy's hockey team also played on Thursday at Bellbird Park in Drouin. The boys scored 1 goal in a fast paced match. A special mention goes to Neville Hall as their esteemed goalie.

On Sat 21st of July Hayley Wildes and Georgia Fisher are going to play for the big ‘V’ in South Australia. Both girls have worked tirelessly to make the state girls football team. We wish them all the best at the carnival.

Well done to the following students who represented the Warragul and District Junior football league under 14s in Gippsland championships over the holidays. The members were – Clayton Kingi, Dane Johns, Luke Clarkson, Julian Wainwright, Michael Talbot and Jack Tomkins. Clayton Kingi also was selected for the carnival all star game.
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**EMA APPLICATIONS**

EMA applications for the second half of the year close on 1st August 2012. Parents/Guardians who did not apply in the first half, but had a current Concession Card on 16th July 2012, must have their applications in by this date. Late applications cannot be accepted.

**Spiny STICK INSECTS**

FOR SALE

$5.00 each

Contact: Julie Weller @ the Science Department

**DEB BALL**

“Students participating in this year’s Deb Ball are reminded to return their signed Conduct Agreement and Dance Fees form and payment prior to Dance Training commencing on Monday 6th August 2012. Students and parents are also reminded that Student Progress Scores need to be above 50, and school fees need to be paid or be on a payment plan to be eligible to participate in the Deb Ball.”

We value: Achievement, Respect, Commitment, Community
MTC Youth Scholarship Award

Isabella Hankin of year 8 was nominated for a scholarship position in the Melbourne Theatre Companies school holiday program. Only a limited number of students end up being selected for this amazing course and we were delighted to hear that Isabella had been successful. Isabella spent a week in Melbourne participating in intensive practical workshops working towards a final presentation of an ensemble piece. Miss Brooker and Ms Rolls went down to Melbourne to see the performance and were thoroughly impressed with the high level of skill and professionalism displayed by all students involved in the program. Isabella’s passion for drama made her an ideal candidate and we were very happy for her success.

POLICY:
STUDENT DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Parents and students should be aware that the College Council has recently up-dated guidelines for students driving to school.

When students gain their driving licence they have a right to drive to and from school, provided that this is in accordance with the safety and liability standards expected by the College, and in keeping with the welfare needs of all students. Parents & students should understand the major points of the policy.

- Any student who wishes to drive to the College must complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.
- Students may drive to and from the College in fully roadworthy and registered cars or motorbikes.
- Any students driving to school must exercise due caution and observe all road laws, in a manner which brings credit to themselves and to the College.
- No student is, at any time, permitted to carry any other student from this College in any car which she/he is driving, either to or from the College, without the formal application to the Principal being approved.
- Students must not drive to or from any school excursions or activities.
- Students who drive to school will continue to be punctual and reliable in fulfilling all their responsibilities as students.
- Students are only permitted to park their vehicles outside the College grounds.
- Students cannot access or drive their cars during the school day, without a note from a parent and permission from the Level Leader.

Failure to abide by the Policy will result in disciplinary action and the Principal may revoke the right of a particular student to continue to drive to the College.
156 students took part in the work experience program this year. For many this was their first taste of "real work" and by the end of the week there were many exhausted year 10 students. It was pleasing to see that the majority of students really took the opportunity on from the outset by finding their own placement. For most of term one and two the Careers Centre was buzzing with students tracking down and phoning potential employers, rehearsing for and conducting phone interviews and filling in application forms.

Overall, there were over 60 different career types experienced in about 30 different industry sectors. Feedback given by employers was very positive. Some students even found longer-term employment arising from their work experience week. Others discovered passions for future directions, whilst others found that the work they did was not really for them and that they needed to keep thinking and searching. Whatever the individual outcome, Work Experience was an eye-opener for most students and a valuable experience for all. DSC students are fortunate to have been supported so strongly by businesses in our local area. As a school we rely heavily on the good will of local employers to make the work experience week run and greatly appreciate their support of our students.

Work Experience Coordinators
Pat Dowty  Kerrie Wainwright
Helen Malone  Linda McMillan

Work Experience Reflection 2012 – Alisha Cock
When I did work experience I went to Bunyip Primary School. It was actually really good experience. I was helping out the 1/2’s and they really enjoyed having me there. On one of the days I was helping out one of the teachers and I went to the Bunyip Basketball Stadium to watch one of the teachers and I went to the Bunyip Basketball Stadium to watch one of the teachers and I went to the Bunyip Basketball Stadium to watch the 5/6’s do their performance. It was interesting watching the children the 5/6’s do their performance. It was interesting watching the children cross the roads and how they were walking on the footpath, I really enjoyed watching it. They all did really well. The one thing I did not like was how much energy the kids had all the time. It was unreal. I remember when I had that much energy. I actually had a better time than I thought and the teachers were really welcoming and they were ready to help when I needed it.

Work Experience Reflection 2012 – Kyesha Charleton
I did my work experience at Drouin Chiropractor doing office administration. My experience was really really good and I really loved the whole week. My days seemed to be over so quickly also. Some of the things I had to do during my week at the Chiropractor were folding gowns, cleaning rooms, answering phones, making appointments, serving customers and a whole heap of filing. My favourite thing I did was go down the street to the florist and pick some flowers for one of the employees birthday. Before I started work experience I was really nervous and was scared I was going to stuff something up. But all the ladies I worked with were really nice and friendly. I definitely enjoyed my week and am very glad I did it at the Chiropractor.
These students who received 85% or higher on their Semester 1 Progress Reports!
Central Australia Tour
24th June - 5th July 2012

I’m sure I can speak for most of us when I say that the 2012 Central Australia trip was two of the best weeks of our lives.

In this time we saw some of the world’s most beautiful countryside in our own backyard, we had plenty of adventures, made new, or rekindled old friendships and shared many memories we will never forget. Our trip started off Sunday morning the 24th of June at the crazy hour of 6 am. For us sleep loving teenagers, we soon learnt that sleep-ins were not the thing to do in Central Australia. Our 4 and 5 am starts killed a lot of us but we battled through by catching up on our deprived sleep on the bus. We stopped at many fascinating towns including Cadney Homestead, Alice Springs, Coober Pedy, Mildura, Port Augusta, Adelaide and of course we can’t forget WOOMERA where we discovered Clappers hidden talent as a song writer!!!

Something every one of us can be proud of is everyone making it to the top of St. Marys Peak – in record time and seeing the stunning scenery. We also enjoyed many other walks like around the rim of Kings Canyon and up or around Uluru. We all made two great new mates on our trip and their names were Lenny and Michael, Lenny was our bus driver a jokey, friendly man who loved to have a chat and share with us a story about the country we were passing through. Michael was our cook a funny, cheeky man who loved to play country music when cooking and convincing us to do stupid things.

We shared many great times together from fighting for a power point as soon as we got into camp so we could charge our phones, or screaming at the stinky boys when they had let one rip on the bus. Also when Lenny pulled over and opened the door to let the emus in and nearly gave Clappers a heart attack, putting money in the swear/dumb comments jar, visiting the Royal Flying Doctors, watching the fireworks on Northern Territory Day, stopping on the side of the road for lunch with our dilly bags, riding camels (then eating them for lunch), nights under the stars around campfires and listening to all of Thorpy’s and Steiny’s jokes.

We were all very sad when we pulled into school blasting ‘Eagle Rock’ but we will never forget the adventure.

If you’re thinking about going on the Central Australia Tour when you’re in Year 11, you should totally do it. It’s an experience you will never forget.

Laura Wood – 11E
The D.S.C. 2012 Variety Show will be held Week 7 of Term 3 on the evenings of Thursday 30th August and Friday 31st August. Students have auditioned to be part of this biannual performance event and there will also be a number of entries from our Performing Arts classes all of which will showcase some of the incredible talent at Drouin Secondary College.

Before the show and during interval the audience will have the opportunity to view a range of works created by Visual Arts and Technology students and to vote in the people’s choice awards.

Tickets will be available from the front office or at the door on the nights and will be $10 each which includes a light supper of food prepared by the VCE Food Tech students.

Come along and support the students on this fun filled night which will have a little something for everyone. For more information see Mrs. Ronalds, Miss Brooker, Mr. Stein or Ms. Rolls.

One of the most important things you can do with your child this year attend the Course Selection Evening Thursday the 16th August

**Students currently in year 9, 10 &11**

- 6 – 7pm Information Session in the Lyn Kelly Stadium
- 7.30 pm Senior students (9, 10, 11) are invited to E 6/8 where all K.L.D. leaders, Careers Advisors, Universities, TAFES, and Training Providers are available to speak with students regarding pathways.
- Parents are also able to make a booking for a compulsory interview with a course counsellor for the 22nd, 23rd, 27th or 28th August.

**Students currently in year 7 & 8**

- 6 – 7 pm Students going from years 7 into 8 and 8 into 9 are welcome to talk to all KLD leaders and careers advisors about subject choices in classroom E 6/8.
- 7.30 pm Information Session in the Lyn Kelly Stadium for students going from year 7 into 8 and 8 into 9.

*Being informed is a good way to make a great start for your child’s education in 2013.*

**Career News**

SP AusNet are advertising 5 various Traineeships and Apprenticeship positions. All students that are interested in these positions, please contact the Careers Office for further information. All positions require a minimum of Year 11 Maths.

**UV Below Three – Safe to Get Some Vitamin D’**

As schools and early childhood services across Victoria prepare for the onset of the autumn and winter months, SunSmart is encouraging everyone to get some sun exposure during their week to help with vitamin D levels.

Although ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer, it is also the best natural source of vitamin D; essential for strong bones, muscles and overall health.

Sun protection is required when UV Index levels reach three and above. In Victoria, average UV levels fall below three between May and August, making it a great time to get outside for some sun to help with vitamin D levels.

Check UV levels for your area by visiting the SunSmart UV Alert in the weather section of your daily newspaper or at [www.sunsmart.com.au/ultraviolet_radiation/sunsmart_uv_alert](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/ultraviolet_radiation/sunsmart_uv_alert)
Dear Parents,

As part of our LOTE studies, students of French will be offered the opportunity to travel to New Caledonia in September next year.

The trip to New Caledonia is an excellent opportunity for students of French to use the language in real-life situations. They would participate in intensive language classes and perform tasks designed to get them using the language in authentic situations. In addition to these benefits, pre-trip preparation classes and post-trip evaluation classes would be provided to prepare the students for and capitalise on the learning potential of being in such an environment. During their stay, students would also be provided with a workbook of activities to get the most out of each day’s events. Students returning from this trip will perform much better in their French classes and in external exams, as well as exhibiting higher confidence with their written and oral French, and their studies of LOTE in general. During their stay, students would have the chance to tour both the city of Nouméa and surrounding countryside, getting to know the people and the culture.

The estimated cost of the eight-day trip is between $1890 and $2350. This depends on the number of students involved.

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As an initial expression of interest, parents who are interested in this trip are asked to complete the form below and return it to me as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Teresa Fanning
LOTE KLD Coordinator & French Teacher

TRAVEL TO NEW CALEDONIA IN SEPTEMBER 2013

I ____________________________________________________________________________________________

(NAME OF PARENT / GUARDIAN)

WOULD LIKE MY SON / DAUGHTER
___________________________________________________________________________________________

(FULL NAME OF CHILD)

OF YEAR __________________ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2013 STUDY TOUR TO NEW CALEDONIA.

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(SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN)
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