Quarterly Newsletter

YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND SCHOOL FORMAL

MDCC will again be holding their year 12 Graduation and Formal at Chateau Wyuna, in Mt Evelyn.

This will be help on Friday 10th November.

Tickets are currently on sale via compass tix using the QR code on page 5 or via the link published in compass.

The year 12 graduation ceremony will start at 6pm,

The school formal will start at 7pm.

If you have any questions about this event please speak with Cymone,



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02/10/2023 Term 4 Commences
- 17/10/2023 The Pole Room Part 2
- 26/10/2023 VCE VM Orienteering Day
- 10/11/2023 Year 12 Graduation and School Formal

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Year 12 Graduation & Formal Tickets ON SALE NOW...
- Principal's Report
- Directors Report
- New MDCC Building
- Year 12 Graduation and School Formal
- Melbourne Zoo
- The Lume
- The Yarra Valley Chocolaterie
- Victorian Career and Employment Expo
- Lunchtime Garden Group
- The Pole Room
- IDAHOBIT/RU OK Colour Day
- Thursday Fun



Term 4 - 2/10/2023 Year 12 Finish - 10/11/2023 Year 11s Finish - 24/11/2023 Year 10's Finish - 8/12/2023



PRINCIPALS REPORT

As Term 3 ends, we reflect on all we have achieved as a community. We started our term with parent, student, teacher conferences to highlight student needs and set our semester 2 goals. Both staff and students have been working hard to ensure students are working towards their goals including a range of social, emotional and academic aspects.

Students have been involved in various activities and events throughout the term, including the Melbourne Zoo, The Lume, The Yarra Valley Chocolaterie, Careers Expo and our College Colour Run. Part of running such events creates hands on learning opportunities and immerses students in real-world learning. As we continue to offer some fantastic opportunities at MDCC both focusing on academic and wellbeing perspectives, our goal will be around student attendance and engagement. We encourage families to support us in this space, which directly supports our learning methods at MDCC.

Staff have been running individual professional development based on areas that directly support our students. These include career development, differentiation, student engagement and student agency. These studies are to enhance our practice at the college and to develop further educational approaches for holistic learning.

A huge buzz for the community was the announcement of our new college location in Boronia. With so many successful programs already occurring at MDCC, we look forward to expanding these and offering more opportunities and resources. We are also hopeful to have our bus accreditation in the coming weeks to be able to further engage our students into the community.

After a huge term we hope all students and families have a safe and happy holiday. As always, we encourage communication from families both positive and constructive so please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday the 2nd of October and getting to hold our formal and graduation in Term 4!

Elise Hopkins College Principal



DIRECTORS REPORT

This year at MDCC has been significant for the rate of activity that we have experienced. Our college staff here worked very hard to present high quality educational programmes that have been highlighted by a wide variety of activities.

This term the College purchased our own bus and this has opened the door for our students to access a range of venues and opportunities to enhance their courses.

One major goal of the College has been to acquire more teaching spaces for our staff and students. We are pleased to announce that we have been able to purchase a property in Boronia. It incorporates a large building that is completely suitable for the aims of the College. There is ample room for housing classrooms and administration facilities. Car parking is also provided. It is handy to shops, a recreation reserve and Boronia station.

The purchase of this property will enable us to achieve our full potential in satisfying the needs of our students as well as providing us with much needed room for expansion.

We are hoping to commence operations at this site at the beginning of 2024.

Needless to say we are all very excited about this development and we are very much looking forward to 2024 and the enhanced opportunities it will bring.

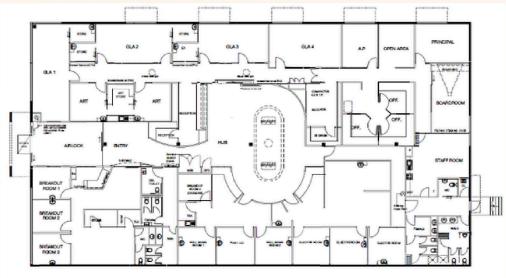
Chris Markwick Chair MDCC Board of Directors



NEW MDCC BUILDING









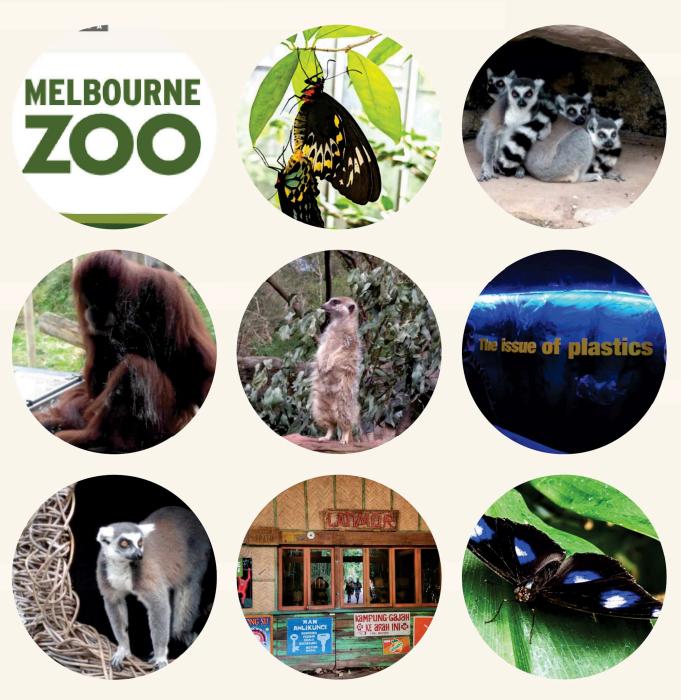
YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND SCHOOL FORMAL



Mountain District

MELBOURNE ZOO

This term the school went by mini bus to Melbourne Zoo. The students explored the life cycle of animals, the integration of indigenous culture into the zoo and how the zoo advocates for animal and environmental causes.





THE LUME

This term the year 10 and 11 students went to The Lume's 'Connection' exhibition, where they explored and immersed themselves in indigenous culture and art.

















THE YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATERIE



After a successful trip by last years, year 10 class to the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie, we took the year 10s and 12s along this term. The goal of the excursion was to explore the different industries and unique and opportunities on employment our Students doorstep. the their opportunity t o create chocolate.

VICTORIAN CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO

Students attended the Victorian Careers and Employment Expo at the exhibition centre where they were able to chat with exhibitors from various tafes, employment and job agencies. Students also had an opportunity to watch the countries best young apprentices compete in the World Skills National Championships.







LUNCHTIME GARDEN GROUP

This year MDCC received a \$500 grant to create a Garden Program. This Garden Program is a lunchtime activity for students who want to learn about gardening, growing their own food and sustainability. Twice a week we plant (and choose) new seeds, tend to our seedlings, prepare our new beds for planting, and discuss ways to improve our schools composting and waste reduction. We are working towards growing some seedlings to sell at the Artisan market so stay tuned!





THE POLE ROOM

Our Year 10 and 11 female cohort were invited to participate in a confidence and positive mindset workshop. The workshop occurred at The Pole Room which is a fitness/dance studio in Kilsyth where we listened to the owner Jas's story. Jas shared many challenges she has faced over the years since high school and her battles with bullying, anxiety and a negative mindset. Our students got to discuss the things in this world that make them feel good about themselves and were given some tools to help them be consciously aware of shifting to a positive mindset in times of need.

We learnt about our thought diaries and utilised a fourstep process that can help us when we are feeling low. Students started to recognise how we can think more positively about the world around us, including ourselves. After the workshop we were able to test out our confidence and undertook some basic exercises and stretches on the dance poles. Thanks to Jas for creating such a fun and positive way to support our young women in the community. We look forward to our follow up visit in October.









IDAHOBIT/RU OK COLOUR DAY

After postponing our IDAHOBIT colour day in May due to weather we were finally able to run this on RU OK Day. The weather was amazing and the students that attended had a great time getting covered in coloured powder and slime, whilst also being able to slime and colour the teachers. Farris in year 12 designed an MDCC IDAHOBIT Day Logo and this along with the RU OK logo were put onto t-shirts which each participant on the day received, participants also received a pair of sunglasses to protect their eyes during the event. A great day was had by everyone who attended.





THURSDAY FUN

Starting this term, the Wellbeing team at MDCC have been running what we like to call, Thursday Fun! This has been made up of a sport group and a craft group. The sports group have spent session 4 each Thursday playing a variety of sports including footy, and basketball. The Craftanoon group, have completed a number of crafty projects including, beading, bath bombs, handmade cards, and nurographic drawings. This was a great way for the year levels to spend some time with each other. We look forward to continuing this with some new activities next term. Some of the items created will be available for purchase the the MDLC Artesian market stall MDCC will be running.



Mountain District