From the Principal

**Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund**
Information was sent home to all families regarding a possible allocation of $225.00 for Secondary School students who are eligible. Further important information is included below. Please ensure that applications are lodged at the General office by the last day of this term, (Friday 26th June).

**Staffing**
Best wishes are extended to Anne Collins and Mary Poulions who are retiring at the end of Term 2. Both staff members have given wonderful commitment to our College and on behalf of all members of Noble Park Secondary College, I wish them all the best in their retirement and in their next exciting chapter. Thank you for your contributions to education and to the Noble Park Secondary College students!

**End of Semester Exams**
Over the last couple of weeks, students have been involved in mid-year/end of semester exams. Our staff are currently marking exams and giving feedback to students on their progress. The exams are only one part of their assessment, but it is important, especially for Year 12 students, to have practice in exam technique, as this is an important component of their overall assessment determining their ATAR score.

**Introduction of School Blazer**
The student body approached me to investigate the introduction of a blazer, as an optional item, for all students (as per photograph). The presented blazer was passed at the June School Council meeting as an additional optional item for our School Uniform. Please see back page of newsletter for price and ordering.

**Parent and Student Forums Facilities Upgrade**
Next term I will be advertising for both parent and student forums in relation to upgrading facilities at Noble Park Secondary College. This information will be advertised in the newsletter (For Term 3, the newsletter will be distributed in week 3, week 6 and week 9).

**End of Semester Reports**
Students will be issued with their end of semester reports on Friday 26th June. There will be a Home Group meeting at 2-15 to distribute reports and students will be dismissed at 2-30pm on the last day of term. Report writing day will be held on Friday 19th June and this will be a student free day.

I wish all students, staff and parents/guardians a safe and enjoyable term break. The first day of Term 3 is Monday 13th July. A reminder to all students that winter uniform is compulsory for Term 3.

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**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSION FUND?**
$225 per Secondary Student.

**DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD OR ARE SUPPORTED BY AN AGENCY eg. Redcross?**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE BEFORE THE 26TH JUNE TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION SO THAT WE CAN APPLY FOR THIS MONEY ON YOUR BEHALF.**
Junior School Report

Overall I have been very impressed with the learning that is taking place across year 7, 8 and 9! The students are really engaged in their learning, and work collaboratively with each other and their teachers. They also look smart in their winter uniforms and their attendance and punctuality has been really good. It is a real thrill to see many students laying such firm foundations for future success in studies and life!

Year 7 Snapshot

Our new Year 7’s have settled in very nicely and enjoy learning in our Flexible Learning Centre. Students do their Math’s, English and Humanities in the centre and are enjoying working in a variety of groupings across these subjects.

In Maths students undertake learning which is personalised to their own level. This included whole class, group and individual tasks, as well as the use of technology to enhance their learning. A recent survey shows that the students rate their learning and engagement very highly in the Math Program. In English/EAL students are learning how persuasive writing work in advertising and the newspaper – and are also creating their own persuasive texts. Food Technology has been a real hit with the students because a lot of what they learn is edible…. Yum yum. Students have been baking – making curry puffs and cup cakes. They particularly liked experimenting with a variety of different cup cake types – and taste tested to see which they liked the best. In Drama they have enjoyed improvised performances where they have to come up with something and perform it in a very short space of time. In science they have been busy working out how to separate different mixtures of substances and in PE/Health many of them have improved their fitness according to recent ‘beep test’ results. Overall the students have enjoyed their first 6-months at the College and are eager for more.

Year 8 Snapshot

Year 8’s have been busy learning about sexual and asexual reproduction in Science – always a topic of interest, as well as producing posters about nerve and blood cells. They also recently dissected hearts – to learn about the different chambers and valves that make the heart work to keep animals alive. In Humanities they have been exploring historical Australians, as well as learning about the ANZAC campaigns, Vikings and other Medieval matters. They recently attended an excursion to Monash University where they learned all about the “Black Death”. In Art they have been learning about Victorian Architecture and building their skills in single point perspective drawing.

In Maths the bar has been set high for student learning with a strong focus on fractions and decimals, as well as geometry – two areas that students always find challenging. Like year 7, students work in a range of flexible groups on whole class, team and individual tasks. In Music the students are learning keyboard or guitar which they are really enjoying. In Social Competencies they are learning all about future career pathways – which leads into their parent presentations next week, while in Japanese they have explored both the language and traditional Japanese food.

Year 9 Snapshot

In English the students have been reading about homelessness and belonging, as well as exploring and creating their own persuasive texts in different genres such as poetry, persuasive articles, narrative and opinion essays. In Maths they recently undertook NAPLAN testing, and have been covering trigonometry, pythagoras, surds and scientific notation.

In Science Year 9 have been exploring viral and bacterial diseases and how they affect the body and had to make their own documentary video on how an animal adapts to its environment. In Humanities they have been learning about the World Wars and Gallipoli and recently undertook an excursion to the Melbourne Museum to explore these topics further.

In their elective subjects, students in Outdoor Education have been enjoying cycling as well as camping at Wilson Prom, and camping, abseiling and rock climbing in the Grampians. In Forensic Science the students have been learning to take fingerprints, and analyse hair, fibre and blood evidence. Those who like to bake undertake the Bakehouse elective– have been making a whole range of different delicacies such as sponge cakes, quiches, thai soup, stir fries, sausage rolls and meat pies.

Peter Jeans
Junior School Assitant Principal

Junior School Leaders

Congratulations to our Junior School Leaders for 2015.

Their role is to represent the school on behalf of their fellow students. They will be very busy organising letters, making speeches and conducting a variety of activities in the school. Congratulations, Junior School Leaders. We wish them well.

Rezwan Nazeri, Bryce Berends, Lisa Mao and Neil Chand receiving certificates of award.

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Website: www.nobleparksc.vic.edu.au Email: noble.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
All Year 7 and 8 students are required to participate in the ‘NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES’ & ‘CAREERS’ Presentation Night.

Parents and friends are invited to come along and enjoy an exciting evening with our remarkable ‘Notables’ and ‘Career’ students.

**Date:** Wednesday, 24th June 2015

**Time:** 6.00 – 7.00pm

*Any student who is unable to attend must provide a written note (signed by a parent) to Mrs. Karagounis by Friday, 19th June 2015.*
Food Technology/Japanese Project

All Year 7 students worked on a combined Food Technology / Japanese project. As part of the project we created our own menu (recipes) for our Japanese Restaurant. The menu had to be written in both Japanese and English. We did some research on pricing and priced our menu according to the ingredients in the recipe. We chose one of our recipes from the menu and cooked it in our Food Technology class. We were judged by teachers on the taste, texture, aroma and appearance. We really enjoyed the project because we learnt a lot about Japanese food and were able to show our cooking skills by cooking the chosen recipe. It was exciting to see many teachers who came to judge and taste our recipe.

By: Arozo SAFAEI and Adrienne URGELLES 7B
Heroes and Mentors guest speaker

The Year 7, 8 & 9 students thoroughly enjoyed the speaker Seth Franco from USA. (Ex Harlem globetrotter). The students were actively participating and engaged throughout the positive talk. The talk focussed on being your best and believing in yourself and overcoming adversity.

Year 10 Drama

Year 10 Pre-VCE Drama students last week had the fantastic experience of performing live on stage as part of the Drama Victoria Schools Theatre Festival. Presenting their play “Sharing the Light”, which they devised, directed, and performed themselves, our students shared their story of a young girl, overwhelmed by the problems of the world and in her own life, who meets a new friend and learns to see the brighter side of life.

The short play was staged, along with plays from four other schools, at Elizabeth Murdoch College in Langwarrin. The performers received feedback from a panel of theatre experts after the show, and our students’ effort was very well received, gaining high praise for the courageous themes they tackled.

The College has participated in the Festival since 2006, and is grateful to Drama Victoria, in partnership with Monash University, for continuing to support such a rewarding showcase of student talent.

International News

My Exam Experience

I had my exams for the past two weeks. It is one of the hard test tasks that happen once every semester. Before the exam, I studied every day because I wanted to get a good mark.

I had exams on five subjects, and the hardest ones were Year 11 IT and Physics. Even though I found that IT and Physics are the hardest subjects out of others, I somehow managed to finish the sheets before the bell went. But when I did Physics exam, I sat in the hall for two periods for the exam and I found that it was a little bit hard for me. I did study before the exam but I still couldn’t complete it 100%.

The easiest was Maths, my favourite subject. I like Maths and I received 89% for my Maths Method subject, which is the highest score out of my five subjects. I think I also did well in E.A.L exam. I sat in the hall again for two periods but this time I found that it was easy for me. Although I didn’t do well in my Physics exam I think I’ll do better for the next time. I feel happy for my results and when I told my parents, they were very happy about it too.

Chanboth Som 10D
Red Shield Appeal

Recently Noble Park Secondary College had the opportunity to help the Salvation Army collect for their Red Shield Appeal. Charlene Trinidad and Michael Nguyen who are both on the School Representative Council (SRC), visited Parkmore shopping centre to help collect. Samantha, a Lieutenant with the Noble Park branch of the Salvation Army said how great it was to have students from a local school come and serve their community in this way.

James McHugh
College Chaplain

Senior Hockey Boys

We are very proud of our Senior Boys Hockey Team who, playing competitively and skillfully had an outstanding win beating Carwatha College by a whopping 8-0. They were led by their captain Ali Hussaini to the next round. They were as fantastic on field as they were off field, they showed great team spirit and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day.

Well done boys!

Mr Danijel Banovic
Mr Yeneo Pousoulis

Year12 VCAL students 1000 steps walk/run

Recently the Senior VCAL class as part of their personal development class undertook the walk/run up and down the 1000 steps walking trail in Ferntree Gully. The idea behind the walk was, as some students put it, to be a challenge, an attempt to test their endurance, to motivate them as a group and to build unity and comradery amongst themselves. Whilst all of the above was true it was to experience those diggers who undertook the Kokoda trek and sacrificed their lives protecting our shores. Over the last term they have been investigating various aspects of the ANZACS as well as the various wars Australia had taken part in and this was simply a re-enactment of what our diggers experienced. Whilst they all had loads of fun going up and down the steps, it certainly gave them an understanding of the experiences. It also provided them with a newfound appreciation of what our soldiers had to endure.

Well done guys!
Peninsula Spring Mineral Spa excursion.

This excursion is offered to Yr 12 students at the end of exams and semester 1. A day of relaxation prior to commencing semester 2 studies. The students positively represented the college with exemplary behaviour. 89% of students attending had not been there before and 100% said they would return there. 78% of students attending rated the day as a 10 out of 10. A very relaxing and worthwhile day out for the students.

Student feedback on day:

- Loved it, it was incredible and made me feel fantastic
- It was a relaxing experience, it must happen again
- Incredibly relaxing with a variety of spas, saunas and more to explore
- Great idea for after exams, best weather, loved being there with friends
- It was great and relaxing
- Awesome
- A great excursion for Year 12’s… loved it
- Good day, well organised

Lynda Chapman
Student Welfare

Meet the Leaders Seminar

A group of our Yr11 and Yr12 students attended this seminar for the day. Meet the Business Leader is an event designed to give students an insight into what a career in business could look like through the provision of practical and specific advice. Approximately 350 students were in attendance from a number of Victorian high schools. The event gave our students the chance to directly engage with some of the most successful professionals in Australia and will provide the opportunity to:

- discuss career and study options and the transition from school to university
- hear from inspiring business leaders addressing topics relevant to ensuring students make informed career choices
- engage in roundtable networking with professionals currently working in industry
- hear from young professionals at various stages of their careers
- meet cadets and learn about the cadetship recruitment process

Trevor Barry / Russell Turnbull
Our newly created Maths and Computing Club is getting ready to start a number of activities in Term 3. Mathematics is a systematic way of organizing our experience of the World, which is employed wherever there is a structure or pattern. As such it may enrich our understanding, enabling us to relate, interpret and communicate our experiences and ideas. As a subject, therefore, it lies at the heart of all technologically advanced societies. Computing is a discipline that may be used to solve complex problems efficiently using problem solving methodologies, mathematical principles and computer programming skills. Combined power of these two fields offers enormous opportunities to develop the capacity of students. A special consideration will be given to hands-on projects where principles of physics and engineering are applied.

The mission of the Math & Computing Club (MCC) is to foster a community of students around a common interest in mathematics and computing. Club members will have opportunities to apply and improve math skills by participating in mathematical activities, competitions and learning circles.

The aims include:

- Provide stimulating and challenging extra-curricular activities
- Enable students to develop their skills and capability in problem solving
- Help students to develop an appreciation and enjoyment of mathematics
- Create an easy to learn concept of mathematics
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Participating students have elected the members of the executive committee. The committee members are:

- Hasib Ahadi (President)
- Adarsh Chand (Vice President)
- Chanboth Som (Secretary)
- Micheal Nguyen (Treasurer)
- Jazz Saini (Organiser)

Our meetings (every Thursday in C14) are open to everyone who is interested in participating in our activities. Our first project will be to build, calibrate and test a prototype catapult.

Mr Hilmi

SchoolMate Information

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.
Farewell Mrs Collins
The student leaders of our College presented Mrs Collins with gifts from the students to say goodbye and wish her good luck in her retirement. As a token of their appreciation, Zohair, Kayla and Bianca presented Mrs Collins with a recipe folder which held some messages from the students to say goodbye. In addition she was presented with a canvas print.

Beleza School Uniform Shop and NEW ADDRESS

DANDENONG STORE
TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

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*Normal Trading Hours: Mon to Fri 9:30 am - 4:30 pm 10:00 am to 1 pm

Shop Online 24/7: store.beleza.com.au

Please Note New Address for Beleza Uniform Shop:
162 Cheltenham Road, Dandenong

Springvale Snow Fest 2015

Join in the fun of winter as Springvale is transformed into a winter wonderland with snowfalls and real snow for kids to play with.

This street festival will also feature some great family entertainment, including:
- real snow play area
- falling snow effects
- fireworks
- ice sculpting
- roving performances
- live acts on stage
- family rides ($2-$6 tokens)
- free activities
- food, market and community stalls.

Proudly part of greaterdandenong.com/arts
The Victorian Education and Training Department has launched the new VCE and VCAL Information booklet. It will be distributed to all Year Ten students to take home and discuss with their parents and guardians. The booklet provides vital information about senior courses, VCE and VCAL.

In Term 3 parents and students will have the opportunity to come to our information sessions about the two senior streams, VCE and VCAL. These sessions are designed to enhance students and their parent’s knowledge about building a positive future towards a career.

Important dates for parents to remember
Tuesday 28 July for Senior Information Session and Wednesday 29 July for Course Counselling Day.

If there are any concerns you may have about the process, don’t hesitate to call Ms Sandra Vaina on 9546 9066.

Sandra Vaina
Careers Counsellor

Course Selection

Course / Subject selection planning for 2016 is well advanced. Senior Subjects Induction Day (SSID) will be held Friday 24 July for Year 10 (2015) students entering Year 11 (2016). As part of the Senior Subjects Induction Day, students will rotate through 10 x 25 minutes sessions to gain greater insight into VCE/VCAL/VET subjects. Each session will include:

- A handout with SUBJECT SPECIFIC UNIT 1-4 AREAS OF STUDY
- An indication of the workload needed to succeed in the subject
- A summary of the outcomes students will need to meet and how they are set out i.e. number of SACs and format of SACs
- An outline of a typical lesson (structure/format - written work vs hands on; independent work vs collaboration)
- Books and equipment required / access to the Internet – google docs

Future Pathways EXPO for Years 9, 10 & 11 will be held Monday 27 July, followed by the Senior School Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 28 July.

Selection Interviews will be held Wednesday 29 July and our current (2015) Year 10 students will only attend school with their parent / guardian for individual scheduled appointment times and not for usual timetabled classes. In the coming weeks please take the opportunity to explore your child’s pathway with them.

If you have any queries please call me at the College on 95469066.

Jo Cucchiara
Senior School Assistant Principal
The School Dental Service is coming to Noble Park Secondary College from the 3rd August. The School Dental Service provides free preventative dental treatment for students. This treatment is covered by Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) for eligible children. Information and parent consent forms have been sent home. The forms need to be returned to the school if you would like to utilise this service. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Theresa Sprekos
Adolescent Health Nurse

Monash University provides FREE TUTORING Tuesday & Wednesday (not first or last week of term) 3.30 – 4.30pm in the FLC. All students welcome!

Do you enjoy the company of young people and cultural exchange? Can you provide a welcoming and supportive home? Hosting an International Student can be an interesting and rewarding opportunity for all types of households and families. Noble Park Secondary College is currently looking for local families interested in providing homestay accommodation for our International Students. If you are interested, please contact Ms Roshiah (International Student Coordinator) on 9546 9066.

All students are invited to come have breakfast every Friday morning between 8am and 8:30am in the International Room. Toast, cereal and hot Milo will be served up by the School Chaplain and VCE/VCAL students. Students can come grab something to eat and then head to class with belly’s full ready for the day! Come and enjoy from 8am! See you there!

James McHugh
School Chaplain

We’re on the way to becoming eSmart

Earlier we advised that our school had registered with eSmart – a comprehensive approach for managing cybersafety and dealing with bullying and cyberbullying in school communities.

We’re pleased to let you know that we have completed the first phase of our eSmart journey.

We have planned many activities in line with the eSmart Schools Framework, and are now progressing with implementation.

Expect to hear a lot more in the coming months about our efforts to promote the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technology.

We hope you will also take part in some of the opportunities to learn more about being eSmart.

For more information visit www.esmart.org.au
The June School Council meeting approved the introduction of a new Blazer. A sample of the Blazer is now available to see at the General Office window. Orders are now being taken and sample Blazers (for sizing) will be available from the General Office during recess and lunchtimes.

Cost: $115-00

Delivery Date: To be confirmed

As this initiative has come from the student body, we wish to introduce this item for students as soon as possible and encourage students to place orders before the end of this term.

Parents/Guardians are invited to visit the General Office to view the new Blazer.

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Japanese Student Host Families

Noble Park Secondary College has had a sister school in Japan for more than 20 years. Over that time, Noble Park has sent several dozen of our students to visit and study in Japan. Every two years our sister school, Shinminato Senior High School send students here. This year Shinminato will be sending 8 students and 2 teachers for a one week homestay visit. The visitors will arrive on Sunday July 19th and will go back to Japan on the 25th. The school is seeking families who are interested in hosting a Japanese student during this visit.

Visits are a lot fun and a great cultural experience for all the family. You do not need to speak Japanese, but you will need to have a spare bed.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please write your name at the bottom of the form and return it to Mr Turnbull as soon as possible.

Please place a tick in the box and return

- [ ] I would like to host a Japanese student
- [ ] I would like to have more information about hosting a Japanese student

Parent Name ______________________________________________________

Student Name ______________________________________ Form ________

Telephone __________________ Mobile _______________________________