Schools Access Monash (SAM)

I am very pleased to announce to parents that Somerville Secondary College has been accepted into the Schools Access Monash program. Prior to the change in structure to add Years 11 and 12 this program, and the advantages that it brings, was unavailable to our students. As a SAM school we are able to offer students in Years 9 to 12 a variety of programs, supported by Monash University, which will assist in raising aspirations, improving study skills and developing clear career pathways. The first instalment of the program began on Tuesday 26th July with our Year 9 students. The following activities are scheduled to take place during this term and next term:

August 26 – All Year 10 students will spend the day at Clayton Campus of Monash University (a city within a city) experiencing life as a university student, going to lectures and learning about the opportunities provided by this future pathway. Lunch will be provided in the university cafeteria – just like a ‘uni student’ and transport to and from the venue is also provided free – paid for by Monash and the school.

August 29 – All Year 11 students will participate in the Transition Game – M Power – as part of the PCP program.

September 5 – All Year 11 students will participate in an ICS study skills workshop as part of the PCP program.

October 17 – All Year 11 students will participate in a Q&A session with current university students as part of the PCP program.

August 24, 31 & September 7 – 5 ‘high achiever’ Year 11 students will participate in afternoon sessions with Monash University – Peninsula Campus.

These activities are just the ‘tip of the iceberg’ in terms of the advantages that the SAM program, and our association with Monash University, will bring to our students as they move into Year 12.

Student Learning Devices (SLD) Information Evening

As I announced in numerous newsletters last term we launched our 1:1 Netbook Program on Monday, 25th of July. Attendance was outstanding with over 200 parents and students present. This program is available to students in Years 10 and 11 (and a select few Year 9) students. As part of the program students will be issued with an 11.6” (297mm) ACER netbook computer which they keep until they complete Year 12 or leave the school. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to enhance their learning through a 21st Century learning device. It is one of the conditions of the program that students and parents must attend an information session to ensure that their signed consent of the Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) is an informed one. I will be running an information session for parents and students who could not attend the first meeting on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:00 pm in Building 3. The meeting will last for approximately 70 minutes. An information session for students who could not attend the meetings but whose parent did attend the meeting, will be conducted at lunchtime later in the same week at school.

Chris Lloyd
Assistant Principal’s Report

Cybersafety

We do our best as parents to keep our children safe but technology continues to pose some significant risks.

It is our responsibility as teachers to work together with parents to educate young people about the safe use of technology.

The following tips are important to note:

- Social networking sites like Facebook MUST be set to private
- Absolutely NO exchange of personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, pictures in school uniform
- Contact your ISP and/or police if you find information about you that is wrong or inappropriate
- Delete accounts, create new ones, NEVER reveal your password
- Online activities can be traced—we do leave a digital footprint
- Block senders on SMS mobile phones

The best filter is parental supervision. Parents teach their kids to kick a footy, ride a bike... they must teach their kids internet safety.

Parents must take responsibility for their child’s mobile phone and computer use.

Punctuality

Being on time to school at the start of the day for Form Assembly is important as this provides an opportunity for students to connect with their Form Teacher, get organised for classes, listen to announcements about the day, upcoming events and reminders about excursions and sports practice.

We understand that sometimes there are occasions when being late is unavoidable, but there are a number of students who consistently arrive late with no note of explanation. The consequence for these students will be recess detention each day they are late.

Please ensure that your son or daughter leaves home in time to be at school to collect their books and equipment from their locker for periods 1 & 2 when the 8.25am warning bell rings. They should be lined up outside their form group classroom when the 8.30am bell rings.

Somerville Secondary Students on Somerville Rise Primary School Grounds

We have been informed by Somerville Rise Primary School that several of our students have been entering their grounds, toilets and corridors during school hours at the end of the day.

This poses a safety risk for primary school students which is causing considerable concern amongst parents and staff.

All Somerville Secondary students, including those who pick up a younger sibling from the primary school MUST WAIT OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS AND GATES.

We ask our students to remember our school values which include RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY by respecting the primary school space and rules and taking responsibility for themselves by doing the right thing and avoiding any possibility of being implicated in any incidents or issues.

Lynn Motteram
**Book sales**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**For years 8 to 12 for 2012**

**Future year 7 - dates will be advised**


Early Start Program:  On 28th November 2011, students will be rolling over into their next year level which means they will be commencing their studies for 2012 in 2011. The early rollover will mean that books (new or secondhand) must be purchased for the relevant subjects to complete coursework and homework. In the past, parents have purchased books in January for student use that year. This year Landmark will be delivering the books early, dates as outlined below:

- Booklists will be distributed home in Student Packs by mid October
- Booklists will need to be returned to College no later than 11th November 2011
- Collection Day for Book Packs will be Monday, 28th November from 3pm to 6pm in the Auditorium

**Secondhand Books and Uniforms**

These items may be handed in to the office from Thursday, 24th November until Monday, 28th November up until 12 noon. This will enable students to have access to their text books for preparation of exams being held that same week. More details regarding the secondhand sale will be forthcoming in the student packs distributed mid October.

**Sale day will be Monday, 28th November from 3pm to 6pm (same time as Landmark Collection day).**

You will have the opportunity to purchase secondhand books first before you collect your Landmark Books. If you have purchased the book through Landmark but have the opportunity to purchase one secondhand, then Landmark are happy to remove that book from your Landmark pack and deduct the cost from your total. Please remember to order the book through Landmark on the booklet first because there is no guarantee you will be able to purchase that same book secondhand.

**EMA INSTALMENT TWO**

**Reduce your school fees!**

The Education Maintenance Allowance is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Parents/guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2011 will need to submit a new application form accompanied by a copy of your Health care card to the School Office.

Applications close 5 August 2011.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.
Dear Somerville Secondary College families,

I’m writing to ask for your help. Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn Community Program. This year, they are giving away more than $5 million worth of educational resources for primary and secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From July 18th to September 18th 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...

There’s no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

Kindest regards,

Deb Jones

Help Woolies to help our school.
Start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn points today!

Somerville Secondary College Tours

Tours of Somerville Secondary College will be run from the school office every Wednesday at 10am.
If you would like to book in for a tour please contact the school office on 5973 1000.
Alternatively, if you cannot make one of the tours above, please contact the office to arrange a more suitable date and time.

Thank you,

Stacey Joyce

Transition coordinator Grade 6 to Year 7
VET in Schools launch

Monday, 22nd August
1.30, 3.00, 5.30 & 7.00pm
FRANKSTON

Tuesday, 6th September
1.30, 3.00, 5.30 & 7.00pm
DANDENONG

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETIS) is a way to do vocational - or industry - training while at school.

Chisholm has successfully been running the VETIS programs for a number of years and due to the success of VETIS we are proud to offer additional courses for next year. We are holding a VETIS launch that contains critical information for parents, students, teachers and VETIS Coordinators or for anyone who has connections with students who are currently in years 9, 10 and 11.

Please send your RSVP to: school.programs@chisholm.edu.au
Stating which session, date and campus you wish to attend.

Or for further details, please call 1300 CHISHOLM and ask for a member of the School Liaison Unit.
Bluesfest 2011

The Somerville Secondary College Bluesfest 2011, took place at the end of last term and was a huge success. Four bands from the college performed at the event before a large number of supportive students and staff. This festival was the third music festival to happen at our College and was the most impressive to date. Students were challenged to play very melodically and soulfully at this festival. They definitely rose to the challenge and literally brought the house down.

Instrumental Music is a major component of the school’s co-curricular program and gives students the opportunity to learn the guitar, drums or vocals. Students are given regular opportunities to perform and showcase their new abilities and the chance to gain experience playing music in a band.

This term’s music festival will feature new bands that have not yet performed. No doubt it will once again be bigger and better. More details soon...

Leon Just
Instrumental Music Director

From left to right; Nick Hart, Paddy Carroll and James Brown

Building & Construction Industry Careers Night 2011

When: Thursday 11 August 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Where: Frankston Arts Centre
Cost: FREE
Term Sports

Important dates...

Intermediate Sport = 1/08/11,
Athletics Carnival = 11/08/2011
Aerobics State Championships (where we are entering a team) = 12/08/2011
Year 8 Sport = 15/08/11
Year 7 Sport = 24/08/11

Sports for Schools – Somerville will again be participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program. After our success last year where we collected over 25,000 vouchers, we hope to again, with your help, collect a significant number. We were able to obtain hundreds of dollars worth of equipment with our vouchers last year including, a class boxing set, leather footballs, lacrosse equipment and much more. Start collecting vouchers from the 11th of August and make sure they make their way into the school for collection. Ask friends, family, colleagues and anyone you know to shop at Coles and collect vouchers to allow us to again benefit greatly from this promotion!


Athletics training sessions will be held Monday nights from 3 – 4pm during Term 3.

Permission slips required!

Athletics Carnival

Thursday 11th August

Where? Somerville Secondary College; school grounds and oval
When? All Day
Who? Everyone; there is something for all.
Athletic and Novelty Events
Form against Form competition
Prize for the winning form
Donuts, Soft Drink and Sausages For Sale.
All $1.50

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