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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to all students for a fantastic School Swimming Carnival today and positive commencement of the 2022 school year at Mordialloc College, particularly to our new Year 7 members of the Mordialloc College community. Our students are engaging well with the demands of their new year levels and staff are delighted to be able to once again offer many of the activities that students have missed out on over the last two years.

As we near the midpoint of Term 1, it is timely for us to regroup and re-energise our focus on improving student learning. Staff are working hard to ensure that the key skills and knowledge required for success in assessment tasks are being consolidated. It is critical that students who require further support or clarification ask their teachers for assistance and additional support.

Progress Checks will be completed for all students in Weeks 6 and 7 and published to parents on Friday the 18th of March. Additionally, most subjects will also be completing Benchmark Tasks (7-10) or SACs (11-12) in coming weeks before Parent Student Teacher interviews on Wednesday the 6th of April. Booking information for parents will be sent out in Week 9.

Although the vast majority of students are settling in well to our College norms and values, we do need to remind the entire College community of some of the expectations that were firmly in place before the disruptions of recent years. As the requirement to wear masks indoors is removed next week, we will be renewing our focus on the little things that help to create an orderly environment focussed on routines, high expectations, and learning. This includes:

- Lunchtime and afterschool catchup sessions - these are in place to support students to complete their work. These are both voluntary and prescribed and will appear on students' Compass schedules if work is not completed by due dates.
- Phones/Headphones – as phones and headphones are a major distraction for students they are not to be seen, heard, or used from 8:30am to 3:10pm - this is a government rule in the state of Victoria and applies to all schools. However, students in Years 10, 11, and 12 may use headphones from their device (not phone) while studying in their study periods. Phones and headphones that are seen being used during the school day will be confiscated and will need to be collected from the front office at the end of the day. For a second offence, a parent meeting is required, and the phone will be kept for a week. For a third offence, it will be a term.
- Behaviour Management – all students have a right to learn and must be respectful and cooperative at all times. Students will be given two opportunities to correct any behaviour that is impacting negatively on their learning, or the learning environment of others, before they will be removed and sent to the relevant Director of Sub-school or Assistant Principal. Parents will

be notified and 60 minutes of after school community service will be arranged. Students will also be required to complete a restorative reflection sheet and discuss their behaviour with their teacher before they re-enter that class in the next scheduled period.

- Uniform – students need to be in the correct school uniform each day. This includes logo-free socks, black, leather, lace-up school shoes (no sneakers), and no piercings (unless clear retainers). Students must see their YLC in the morning with a note from their parent/guardian in order to obtain a uniform pass if they are unable to wear the full correct uniform. Repeated refusal to be in the correct uniform will result in students being removed from class until the issue is rectified.
- Sports Uniform – Students in Years 7-9 may wear their sports uniform to and from school on the days they have a scheduled P.E. or Sport lesson. Students in Years 10-12 must wear full school uniform each day and change into sport uniform on the days their classes require it.

A reminder that a 90% attendance rate is required to successfully meet all the requirements of College curricular programs each year. Students impacted by COVID-19 and/or isolation requirements will have this accounted for. We highly recommend parents stay up to date by utilising the parent portal for Compass as this will allow you to check attendance, authorise absences, pay for events and excursions, access key school information, and track your child's progress through the Learning Tasks and Analytics tabs. Thank you to all parents and carers for keeping us informed about absences and issues affecting student attendance; we know it has been a difficult time communicating COVID isolation absences and we appreciate you supporting the school community.

If you require wellbeing or financial assistance in relation to any of these issues, please contact the College. Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your Year Level Coordinator, Wellbeing, or the College Office.

Kind regards,



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