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SCOTCH COLLEGE MELBOURNE Boarding School

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News and Information for Boarders' Parents and Friends



Start of a new year on the Hill

The term started off with the normal enthusiasm and excitement as we welcomed 42 new boys and their families as well as introducing a number of new faces on the Staff.



2007 new boys

It was interesting to see how quickly some of the new boys instantly bonded as they had got to know each other from the Orientation Camp held in September of the previous year. Many had kept in touch and were pleased to see each other on their first day at Boarding School. This obviously makes it so much easier for a new boy to settle in and reinforces to us how worthwhile the program is.

The first weekend of term we traditionally take all the new boys plus some old hands to Scotch-At-Cowes. It is also another excellent way for the boys to get to know each other. It was a perfect weekend weather-wise and the boys were able to enjoy all the facilities on offer. There was plenty of wind for sailing and lots of activity on the water with surf skis, skiffle boards and power boating. **Tim Bence** and the senior boys led by **Byron Smith** organised activities at night and a lot of fun was had camping out in tents which for many of the boys was a great new experience. Many new friendships were formed and a very positive start made to boarding house life for the boys.

While the boys were having fun at Cowes, the parents did not want to miss out so, on the Saturday evening the Boarders' Parents' Association organised their Annual Dinner and Get-Together at the Cardinal Pavilion. It was evidently an excellent occasion with more than 120 parents attending.

The guests all enjoyed the speaker for the night, **Mr Peter Schwab**. Peter has been very involved in the AFL as a premiership player, football coach, umpires' adviser and now a media commentator. He gave a very informative address on the trials and tribulations of being a senior AFL coach with Hawthorn.

New staff

Just as important as settling in the new boys, was the need to ensure our new staff felt comfortable in their new surroundings. We have been very fortunate in



Mrs Irene Giollo, Mr John Duck and Ms Erica Steele

attracting more high quality staff to the Hill.

We welcomed our two new matrons, **Ms Erica Steele** and **Mrs Irene Giollo** to Arthur Robinson House and McMeckan respectively. Both ladies have settled in very well and made a fine impression. Erica will be looking forward to moving into her newly refurbished flat next semester as the first stage of the renovations in ARH are completed.

Joining us also in Arthur Robinson House is **Mr Jaimie Kane** and his family. Jaimie has been appointed as Deputy Head of the House and he and his wife, Flora and two little girls, Molly and Megan have happily settled in to their new abode in Hambledon Road. Jaimie has been on staff for a number of years and is a highly regarded teacher of English and Media Studies as well as being the organiser of the annual outback trips. Jaimie also was instrumental in getting the online student system known as 'Learning Point' up and running.



Jaimie Kane and his family



Jodie and Mark Williams

Assisting **Mr Sam a'Beckett** in School House is another very respected member of the Scotch staff in **Mr Mark Williams**. Mark has been teaching Mathematics for a few years now and is a very enthusiastic football coach and one-eyed St Kilda supporter. Mark was also very much involved in the Kapumfi Project and travelled last year to Zambia with a group of boys to check on progress of the new school at Kapumfi built on funds raised by the Scotch community.

Two of those boys on the trip, **James Garrick** and **Hugh McKenzie** he has reacquainted himself with in School House. Mark brings many fine attributes to his new position on the Hill and he and his wife, Jodie have settled in very happily to Lower Siberia.

Rejoining us also in School staff is Deputy Head, **Mr Tim Byrnes** and his family which has now been increased by one with the recent arrival of their daughter, Freya a sister to Quinn.



Mr Tim Byrnes with daughters Freya and Quinn

Our hearty congratulations are extended to Alison and Tim. Tim completed a very successful exchange with Mr Paul Adams and his family to the Giggleswick School in the North of England. It was a great experience for them all and they have now settled back very comfortably into their house in Morrison Street.

In McMeckan House we welcomed **Mr Nick Adgemis** to the staff. Nick is a secondary teacher of music and drama at the Emerson School in Dandenong. He is also very much involved with the Lord Somers Camp assisting every year with their activities. Nick has settled into his role very well and has impressed us with his professionalism and conscientious approach.



Mr Nick Adgemis

Next door in School House **Mr John Duck** has moved into the Year 12 wing. John boarded for three years in Arthur Robinson House before finishing his last three years as a day student and completing his Year 12 in 1997. John has many interests and especially loves the outdoors excelling at SCUBA diving, rock climbing and mountaineering. He is also an active member of the Army Reserve and still enjoys a game of soccer. He is finishing off his third year of a Science Degree at Monash University majoring in Earth Sciences. John's many attributes will be a valuable addition to the boys' experience on the Hill.

Hill Leaders

One of the most satisfying aspects of being involved with boarding is seeing the development of the boys as they grow into the leaders of their houses as Year 12s.

This year we have a fine group of leaders led by Hill Captain, **Byron Smith**. Byron first came into Arthur



Ed Nunn, Byron Smith, Rob Sizer, Ed Bell, Martin Lipshut, Sam Hunt, Dougal Medley, Andrew Laidlaw, James Garrick

Rob in 2005 as a Year 10 student from Shepparton. Since then Byron has shown fine leadership qualities and has set an excellent example with his involvement in sport and the outdoors and his concern for the Hill community. He has been a very popular choice as Hill Captain and a great help in co-ordinating all the Hill activities. He is assisted by **Sam Hunt** and **Martin Lipshut** in Arthur Rob, **Charlie Bell**, **Ed Nunn** and **Dougal Medley** in McMeckan and **Andrew Laidlaw**, **Rob Sizer** and **James Garrick** in School House.

All Year 12s are appointed as House Prefects and have a vital role in setting the tone and standards in their houses as well as assisting Boarding Staff with various duties.

Successful Head of River senior rowers

There is a big range of summer sports and all boys are expected to participate and play games on Saturdays against other schools. Once again the Hill was very well represented across a variety of sports. We were especially strong in tennis, touch rugby, rowing, swimming and badminton.



Tom Fancke, Rob Sizer, James Garrick, Max Steiger, Charlie Horton, Martin Lipshut, Rob Sizer and Karl Buchhorn

Martin Lipshut stroked the winning Head of the River crew to their fourth straight victory and **Rex Mak**, **Azrul Mohd Azri**, **Euikuk Park** and **Jonathan Chen** all represented the school in the first badminton team which again won the premiership. We also boasted five of the eight 1st Tennis Team with **Ed Nunn** as Captain.

Badminton premiers



Jonathan Chen, Rex Mak, Azrul Mohd Azri and Euikuk Park

Wedderburn Cup

The Closed Weekend of the 3-4 March was another great opportunity for the boys to get together with their houses and have some friendly competition amongst themselves.

On Friday night we had lots of frenzied activity at the pool with swimming and diving. After sport on Saturday excursions took place to Chadstone for ten pin bowling and films while another group went Go-Karting at Epping. The next day started early with cricket in the morning followed by volleyball and badminton. By the close of the weekend School House had established a solid lead over McMeckan and Arthur Robinson houses.



McMeckan lads celebrating a wicket

Tim Bence, our Activities Officer has been busy as usual organising activities on the weekend. He has taken trips to Cowes in Term 1 while the weather was conducive and then more recently to the Gordon Owen Lodge at Mansfield.

As well he took a number of boys to a Social at PLC.



Year 10 volleyball



Bobby Chong with his 'gummy' shark



Pep talk for the Arthur Rob boys

The Mansfield property continues to be a wonderful outlet for the boys. Tim has enjoyed mountain biking and in such a dry year has had fun riding over the barren lake bed with the boys. We are all hoping for a better ski season in Term 3 where the boys can travel up to Mt Buller on a regular basis next term.

Mr Terry Murphy, a well known local identity has been appointed as our caretaker to keep an eye on the property and assist with any projects.



Mountain biking on the bed of Lake Eildon



Cowes weekend

Dancing classes

Dancing classes have also commenced.

Unfortunately, our normal venue, The Annexe is being used as an Arthur Robinson House 'prep' room so after checking out various other alternatives we were forced to move 'off campus' The classes are now being conducted at the Dalmaine Dance Studios in Mangarra Road, Canterbury on a Thursday evening.

We have had to break the Year 10s into two groups as the venue can only accommodate 40 at a time.

The first session goes from 7.00 pm to 8.15 pm then from 8.15 pm to 9.30 pm. The boys are bussed over in two shifts. While it does involve some disruption to homework the classes have been very well received and the boys look forward to their sessions every week.

Overnight leave

Finally we are trying to tighten up on our leave arrangements and are **asking for your support in making the system more efficient**. We are very conscious of our responsibilities and our 'duty of care' always features prominently in discussions.

It has become apparent that overnight leave arrangements are far too 'ad hoc' and boys and parents are not abiding by the rules as stated in 'A Guide to Boarding.' Our requirements are that any requests for overnight leave must be approved by the Head of House and be arranged by Thursday night. All details must be provided including the host family, time of departure from the House and estimated time of arrival back at the House. The mode of transport should also be detailed.

We also ask that the boys are **back in time for Chapel at 6.30 pm on Sunday night**. We are prepared to give some leeway on Thursday night and extend that to **5.00 pm on Friday** but late messages left on answering machines and by email on the weekend leave us in a position where the duty

person sometimes may be unaware of a boy's whereabouts. This makes our job difficult and will necessitate a follow up punishment on the boy concerned where leave will be curtailed on the following weekend.

A reminder about mobile numbers

Out of School hours, the person on duty for each house can be contacted on the following mobile numbers:

School	0438 810 415
McMeckan	0438 810 418
Arthur Robinson	0438 810 419
Dean of Boarding	0409 977 963

Doug Galbraith

DEAN OF BOARDING

SCOTCH COLLEGE MELBOURNE BOARDING SCHOOL

Overnight Leave Form

Submit form to Teacher-on-Duty by Thursday 9.00 pm for overnight leave

STUDENT NAME: _____ MOBILE: _____

NAME OF HOST: _____

ADDRESS OF HOST: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____ MOBILE: _____

LEAVE DATE: _____ TIME: _____

RETURN DATE: _____ TIME: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed	<input type="checkbox"/> Out	<input type="checkbox"/> In
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