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Principal News

Last Thursday night was the 'Official Night' of the joint drama production—*Dracula*, this year directed by Joan Morgan and performed at Melbourne High School. The castle on the hill was made suitably gothic to support an extremely creative production based on Bram Stoker's novel and incorporating a huge cast of pale and threatening vampires and asylum inmates. The incorporation of a number of black and white film clips paid homage to some of the well known art-house vampire films such as *Nosferatu* and helped display the talents of the students. The production was most creative and provided a very entertaining and very different night of theatre for the audience. I hope you had a chance to enjoy it.

Mashood Qureshi and Laura Williams as Count Dracula and Mina Murray led a very strong cast which included a number of outstanding cameo performances. I congratulate all the cast members on their achievement and also the production team which included Ms Sarah Ward as Stage Crew Manager and Emily Koop of Year 11 as Stage Manager. The mounting of such an ambitious project takes many talents and a lot of hard work, thank you to all those who gave their weekends to ensure the success of *Dracula*.

As I write, we are looking forward to the Mac.Rob Staff Concert tonight (Wednesday), where our talented music staff perform for us and demonstrate their virtuosity. Thank you to all involved for this night of music. A detailed report on the evening will follow in the next Newsletter.

Jane Garvey

Tour of Mac.Rob

On Saturday, 8 September, the Heide Museum of Modern Art conducted a tour of Mac.Rob as part of their current exhibition '*Savage Luxury: Modernist Design in Melbourne 1930 – 1939*'. Professor Philip Goad from Melbourne University (currently the President of the Victorian chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects) led the tour. He described our 1934 building as "the most important modernist building in Australia" and cited Robin Boyd's description of it as a "revolution" in design. Members of the tour group were most impressed by the building's design and the way it has been maintained by the school. They also enjoyed having their lunch in our courtyard area because it was such a beautiful setting and provided them with another opportunity to admire the architecture.

Rebecca Vosper
Assistant Principal



**** Reporting of Student Absences ****

A reminder to parents/guardians that if you need to report your daughter absent from school there is a direct telephone number to dial.

9864 7759

Congratulations!!!!

Congratulations to Georgia Goodchild of Year 9C for her outstanding achievements in karate this year.

Georgia's talents are many and varied, not the least her participation at the Victorian Karate Open Titles (Parkville), the Australian Karate Open Titles (Brisbane) and the National Karate Championships (Sydney) this year.

Georgia has achieved outstanding results in each of these competitions and is to be commended on juggling the demands of the fast paced curriculum with being an accomplished athlete competing at the highest levels (both State and National) in her sport of karate.

Georgia's achievements are:

- Australian Karate Open Titles—Brisbane
1st place, Australian Title Kumite (fighting)
2nd place, Team Kumite (fighting)
- Victorian Karate Open Titles – Parkville, VIC
1st place, Victorian Title Kumite (fighting)
1st place, Victorian Title Team Kumite (fighting)
2nd place, Team Kata
- National Karate Championships—Sydney
Ranked 3rd in Australia team Kata

We congratulate and encourage Georgia to continue her path of excellence in karate at all levels. Well done Georgia!

Michelle Pride
Year 9 Coordinator

Sports News

Intermediate Basketball

After three separate days of intense competition at the District and All Schools competitions, the intermediate basketball team have performed above expectations. The team lost narrowly to Melbourne Girls Secondary College at District Level but made it to the 'Elite 8' competition by beating Marter Christi in the All Schools run by Basketball Victoria. Mac.Rob played Carey Grammar and Vermont Secondary College and in the final game for the day, playing off for seventh place—MacRob hit the lead in the last quarter but were eventually beaten seven points by Penleigh Essendon Grammar School. Well done to all the girls and special mention to Amanda Jenkins, Rachael McNaughton and Shanie Klas for outstanding play. Thanks also to Dana Klas (ex student) for coaching the team.

James Richards
Basketball Manager

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Jazz Night

On Thursday, 6 September, Mac.Rob hosted the third Jazz Night. The informal concert is a combined event between Mac.Rob and Melbourne High. The event was organised and run by the music captains of both schools and Friends of Music.



With a great turnout and the hall transformed it was a great success. All kinds of performers from both schools, from the combined stage band and VCE jazz groups to madrigals and barbershop quartets performed, making up a diverse programme for the night. Everyone was in good spirits by the end of the night following much dancing and quality music.



Well done to all the performers and helpers for making it an amazing night. We extend our thanks go to Mr Goncharov for his work with the students in the preparation of their pieces, the Friends of Music for the refreshments on the night, Mr Blyth for the lighting, Mr Schreuder for setting up the Hall and Mrs Elton-Brown and Mrs Vosper for their assistance with organisation and supervision.

Claudia Cao, School Music Captain &
Lia Papadopoulos, Music Vice Captain

Careers

Guest Speakers

On Thursday, 13 September ex Mac Rob student, Cathy Simmonds, who is currently studying at the ANU in Canberra spoke to Year 11 and 12 students about living away from home and about life in a residential college. Cathy is studying Arts International Relations

On Wednesday, 12 September Susana Ristevski, Marketing Manager at GE Money spoke to Year 10F about opportunities in business, life as a working mother, maintaining a work/life balance and goal setting.



Holiday Program—Engineering Workshops

RMIT is running a School Holiday Program for Years 10 to 12 students who are interested in automotive, aerospace, mechanical and manufacturing. On Thursday, 4 October from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at RMIT Bundoora East campus. Registration with Chiew Khong, on 9925 6020 or at chiew.khong@rmit.edu.au.

Scholarships

Accounting: Monash University offers the Bachelor of Accounting with industry sponsors. Selection is on ENTER (at least 93), an application form and interview. Those successful receive \$4,400 per annum, university studies and work experience, accelerated learning and optional finance major. To enquire telephone 9905 2327/8130 or go to enquiries.clayton@buseco.monash.edu.au.

Information Technology: Swinburne University is offering the Bachelor of Information Technology, which provides an in-depth study of information technology and its application in business and industry. The focus is on producing graduates with the potential for leadership and management roles. Students admitted to this course receive an industry-sponsored scholarship of approx. \$11,000 per annum (subject to academic performance). Applicants must obtain an ENTER of 95+, complete a form and, in some cases, attend an interview. The program includes 40 weeks of on-site industry based learning in two placements. Details: page 398 of the 2008 VTAC Guide.

Irene Serpless, Careers Adviser

Parents@Mac.Rob News

Parents@macrob Supports the School in a Number of Ways

- outdoor tables & Speech Night prizes;
- small grants for student initiatives; and
- subsidies for the Valedictory dinner



And now parents@macrob is presenting you with the opportunity to support its major annual fundraiser—The Second Hand Book and Uniform Sale on Saturday, 8 December. We are seeking people who are interested in working with last year's organising committee to help run this year's event.

We know you can't all come to the meetings, so here is your chance to "get involved" (it's what your daughters are told all the time) and meet some of the wonderful parents and staff of the school community.

Contact Marian on her mobile 0409 800 358.

Strategies for Exam and Other School Stresses

Mr Piers Lloyd, a psychologist with experience in adolescent issues will present on Strategies for Exam and other School Stresses.



The evening will offer practical suggestions for managing the stress that can come with the high performance expectations associated with being at Mac.Rob. Details are:

Date: Tuesday, 16 October
Time: 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Where: Theatre (next to the gymnasium)
RSVP: By Friday, 12 October to parents@macrob.vic.edu.au

PARENTS & STUDENTS from ALL year levels are welcome.

Parents@Mac.Rob

***** Last Day of the Term *****

Today is the last day of Term 3.

School recommences on Monday, 8 October.

ENJOY THE BREAK!!!!!!!!!!!!

New Secondary College in Albert Park

Great News!

The Planning Committee for the new Secondary College in Albert Park has been advised by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that the Master-plan meets all requirements and has been endorsed to progress to the next stage of documentation which is the schematic design stage.

Woods Bagot, the project architects, are now working on the schematic design for the 7-12 College which will include state of the art teaching and learning spaces, gymnasium, arts and technology centres, a library, food technology centre with a café space for students and staff together with staff and administration centre.

The former College building will be demolished prior to construction of the newly designed College. The college website will be updated so that you can see the progress of design work to date. www.smr.vic.edu.au/albertpark

Soil contamination testing has been completed in recent weeks. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is currently studying the information in order to determine the necessary decontamination works to be undertaken. The Planning Committee is expecting further advice in the near future.

It is planned that a further Community Forum will be held during Term Four 2007. Dates and details will be advertised in school newsletters and local media prior to the event. The forum will provide further opportunities for interested community members to meet the Architects, and members of the Planning Committee. This enables participants to have input into the planning process, and to be updated on project time lines and processes.

Don't forget to check the College Website during the Term break!

Denise Ramus
Project Director
Albert Park Planning Committee