The Curriculum Council Exhibitions and Awards Ceremony was held at the University of Notre Dame on Wednesday 11 February 2009 and, as expected, Morley Senior High School has done exceptionally well in these awards. Congratulations to the following Year 12 Students (2008) for their Curriculum Council Awards:

**General Exhibition**
- Peixin Truong

**Certificate of Distinction**
- Adam Hunter - Aviation
- Peixin Truong - Economics

**Certificates of Excellence**
- Ditza Teng
- Erik Tran
- Peixin Truong

Explanations of Awards published from Curriculum Council Website

**GENERAL EXHIBITIONS:**
General exhibitions are awarded to the 40 eligible students with the highest Curriculum Council award scores based on the average scaled marks of five tertiary entrance rank subjects and/or courses, with at least two from each of the humanities/social sciences list and the mathematics/science list.

**CERTIFICATES OF DISTINCTION:**
Certificates of distinction are awarded to eligible students who are in the top 0.5 per cent of candidates sitting the examination or the top two candidates (whichever is greater) in a tertiary entrance rank subject or course. This is based on the combined mark (being an equally weighted combination of school assessment and examination mark). Certificates of distinction may be awarded to eligible students who are in the top 0.5 per cent of students in Year 12 wholly school assessed subjects with an enrolment greater than 100 students.

Nominations are submitted by schools and selection is by a panel appointed by the Curriculum Council.

**CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE:**
A certificate of excellence is awarded to each eligible student who, in her/his last two consecutive years of senior secondary education in Western Australia, obtains at least 10 grades of ‘A’ in year-long (or equivalent) Curriculum Council subjects and/or courses or VET units of competence.

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**United Nations Youth Association of Australia**

**WA Division - State Conference - March 6th – 8th 2009**

The following students have been selected to represent Morley SHS at this conference:

- **Year 12** - Dajana Lakic
- **Year 11** - Jessica Bradford, Ashleigh Ah Chee, Lachlan Fayle

The State Conference will be held at the Serpentine Camping Centre. The theme for 2009 will be “Crossing the Line: Territories in Dispute”. It will focus on the role of young people in our society and give students the opportunity to voice their concerns and ideas on domestic and international issues.

In workshop groups, students will discuss issues grouped into Human Rights, Environment, Peace, Security and Economic and Social policy. Social activities will include an interactive bloc challenge and a dance.

Students are sure to enjoy a challenging and informative weekend, while having a chance to meet like-minded individuals. We look forward to hearing about the camp when the students return.

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**VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

We are all devastated by what has happened in Victoria and like most people around the country we, as a school community, wished to help out in some way. Therefore, on Friday 13 February, we called for donations of toys and passed ‘the hat’ around to all Tutes for a collection. We have filled about six large boxes of toys and games, including two bikes, and raised $1780 in cash. We are very proud of all students and staff who really dug deep for this most dreadful disaster and our thoughts, sympathies and prayers go out to each and everyone affected.
Principal’s Report

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to all, especially those joining our Morley school community for the first time. Our thanks to Deputies, Graham Connor and Ian Masarei for the smooth start to the academic year. Staff report that students have settled in well and that work commitments are on target. Let us hope that this pattern is the norm for the rest of the year.

Dress Code
Most students are fully complying with our uniform code; however, a minority is still wearing trousers and shorts with coloured trim contrary to the official dress code. The government goal in formalising dress standards is to lead students to present themselves in a business-like and professional manner in preparation for future careers. Parents are requested to ensure students maintain this dress code and attend school smartly attired. We greatly rely on, and appreciate, your cooperation in this matter.

MOBILE PHONES
1. Mobile Phones at School
Please be reminded that, in line with School Policy, mobile phones will be confiscated if seen at school. In the case of an emergency, of course, students and parents may use the ‘student phone’ in the front office.

2. Mobile Phones and Photographs after School Hours
Parents are requested to remind students that to photograph a person without his/her permission is not only illegal but also a personal assault.

3. Mobile Phones and Bullying after School Hours
We ask, that parents monitor their daughter’s/son’s use of the phone ensuring that they are mindful of the harmful and legal consequences of slander and threatening behaviour which may well result in police action.

We as staff look forward to working with you, again, in the year ahead and, meantime, hope that 2009 will be a fruitful one for all.

Sincerely,

Gay Fortune, Principal

We welcome the following staff to Morley and hope their stay will be long and happy.

- Mrs Matilde Crellin Languages
- Mr Matthew English Science
- Mrs Megan Griffin Mathematics
- Mrs Kaye Hosking English
- Mrs Jeanette Lamothe English
- Dr Fadi Ma’ayah Physical Education
- Mr Gerard Richardson SOSE
- Ms Lara Sharapov Home Economics

Year 12 School Ball

The Year 12 School Ball is scheduled for Friday 13 March 2009. Information, guidelines, rules and permission slips have been given to Year 12 students. Any student who looses her/his Good Standing will not be allowed to attend.

More details from Mr Michie, Year 12 Coordinator.

COMING UP...
Parent Curriculum Information Evenings
7.30pm
in the Visual Arts Foyer

- Yr 11 Monday 10 March
- Yr 12 Monday 31 March
- Yr 10 Monday 7 April

SCHOOL NURSE
If students feel ill, they must go to the school nurse. If they are ill and the nurse is not on site on that day, they must come to the front office and advise staff. We will then contact the parent to discuss the issue and parents may need to come and collect their child. We ask that students do not contact their parents directly.
**OPEN NIGHT**

is planned for Tuesday 24 March 2009 from 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Tours of the school and lots of Information, including showcasing Specialist Programmes, in all subjects on offer to the up-coming (for 2010) Year 8 students.

Information will be sent to local Primary Schools and advertised in the local media.

For any further information, please contact the office on 9376 5555.

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**CAMBODIA STUDY TOUR JANUARY 2009**

Under the leadership of Lindy Stirling and our Cambodian Tour Guide Tanh, 23 Educators from Western Australia travelled to Cambodia from the 5th to the 15th of January. We visited Siem Reap (Angkor Wat), Phnom Pehn and our Sister Schools in Kampong Speu (the most disadvantaged province of Cambodia).

The Angkor Project is a joint project of WA Department of Education and Training through the Swan, Canning and West Coast Districts, the Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports through the Kampon Speu Province and Awareness Cambodia. The project has the main aim of “Children addressing poverty” - Children helping to build the schools of Cambodia through sister school relationships. There are now a total of 20 schools working towards this goal.

For me, Cambodia is a country of contrasts. Although the people have suffered, they are full of hope and their smiling faces are a symbol of hope of a brighter future. The children, in particular, are keen to learn and play their role in rebuilding Cambodia.

Nowhere is this more evident than when I visited Morley SHS’s sister school - Preah Beida Ekreach HS. It was wonderful to see the water tank, the drinking fountains and the generator that our fundraising had purchased. Before this, there had been no fresh water for the 2,000 students.

The students were happy, smiling and prepared to “give it a go”. The three days teaching at the school were very rewarding - over 50 students in the classroom and another 50 looking in to see what was happening.

The group from Western Australia all found visiting and teaching in their sister schools an amazing experience. Special thanks to the Asia Education Foundation for organising the tour and all participants. This trip is certainly worth it.

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**STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

Please be reminded that the school grounds are not to be used for the picking up or dropping off of students. This is a safety issue and persons ignoring the signs may be issued with an infringement notice. The current fine is $60.00.

There is a parent pick-up and drop-off area off Widgee Road. This area should be used for picking up and dropping off students. Parents may also use the verge on Bramwell Road for parking to pick up and drop off students.
Absentees

Please call as early as possible if your child will not be at school. Our contact number for absences is 9376 5555 and you can call from 8.00am Monday to Friday. A written note or doctor’s certificate will be required for long absences, sicknesses or holidays.

Under Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines, being absent from school, without reasonable cause, is unlawful and fines can be issued for non-attendance. DET collect our information and act on issues relating to absentee rates. Other government agencies also use this information (for example Centrelink, Abstudy, Children’s Services etc) to assess claims and payments.

Here at Morley we have several measures in place to minimise the absentee rate, however, we need the cooperation and assistance of parents/guardians in achieving these results.

If your child is sick or will be away from school for the day (or longer) please try to contact the school before 9.30am to let us know; this will be recorded as an “R” (reasonable cause) and an absentee letter will not be sent to you.

If a student is away, and we are not advised by a parent/guardian, this absence will be marked as a “U” (unexplained) on our system and letters will be sent home. Letters will continue to be sent home with accumulating absences. After the term is over, past absences (or absences longer than 4 weeks old) cannot be amended by parents/guardians’ notes.

Apart from our daily ring-a-round, in which we ring every parent/guardian of students who were marked absent in Tutorial Session, we have a period by period roll call and we also do spot-checks on notes from parents/guardians (in which we will ring to confirm you actually wrote the note). So if a student is not at school at some point during the day – we will know!

Signing Your Child In or Out

If your child has an appointment and will be late into school, please send him/her with a note confirming this for when they return to school. Students must return to school via the front office.

If your child needs to sign-out during the day for an appointment, please send a note with the student so she/he will be allowed out of class at the correct time. We prefer you to collect your child personally from the front office/school.

If another person (ie older sister/brother uncle, aunt or friend) will be collecting your child we must have this information in a written note from the parent. Students will not be released to someone without your authorisation.

If your child is sick at school, please encourage her/him NOT to call you direct. The student should go to the School Nurse, in the first instance, if it is a day when the Nurse is not at the school, the student must come to the front office and we will contact you direct.

If you need to come and collect her/him unexpectedly, or in an emergency situation, please call us with as much notice as possible, and we can locate your child and get a message to her/him, to have her/him ready for you. Depending on what time of day this is, it can become quite difficult so notice is most helpful. All this will help us to ensure a smooth sign-in or sign-out without confusion and delays.

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www.morleyhs.wa.edu.au

As we continue to update and streamline our new website, you may like to receive the Parent Newsletter via email, if so, please log on to our website, enter your email address and subscribe to the newsletter. We hope to offer more online options in the future as we develop our website.