Morley Senior High School

March 2015

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School Class Times: 9.10am - 3.30pm

Morley SHS - A ‘top 50 school’ in the state for Vocational Education and Training!

Our last year VET students at Morley SHS had again the opportunity to undertake training from 17 different national qualifications up to Certificate III level. Furthermore, students could achieve any of these qualifications whilst completing their secondary education and have this nationally-accredited training count towards their graduation.

We are proud and delighted to announce that, in 2014, Morley Senior High School was again placed in the State’s prestigious Top 50 group of schools for Vocational Education and Training certification and participation. Reflected in this figure are not only those students aspiring to TAFE, traineeships, apprenticeships or employment but also a significant portion of University aspirants. The school was again able to ‘value-add’ to the students’ skills and qualifications portfolios in a way which enhanced their subsequent education, training and employment prospects. A University graduate, for example, with parallel industry qualifications continues to be a more attractive prospect in a working world which demands flexibility and multi-skilling.

Significantly, last year Morley Senior High School was in fact rated in the exclusive top 30 group of schools and senior colleges for Vocational Education and Training by the Schools’ Curriculum and Standards Authority. Such outstanding student outcomes in our school are always testimony to the high level of collaboration, commitment and diligence by both students and staff. On behalf of the school community, I therefore extend our sincere gratitude and congratulations to all students and staff involved in Vocational Education and Training in 2014 and especially the following VET award winners:

Scott Malcolm –
Lions International, Vocational Education and Training
Student of the Year 2014

Hsar Mu Lah Tha Paw –
Workplace Learning Student of the Year 2014

Well done Morley SHS!!

Parents and students wishing to learn more about our Vocational Education and Training opportunities may contact Mr Pasich at the school on 9376 5555.

Harry Pasich
Program Coordinator, Vocational Education and Training

OPEN REPORTING NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2015 FROM 4.00PM-7.00PM

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all Staff, students and parents on the smooth start to 2015. In particular, I acknowledge the work of our Deputy Principals, Mr Connor and Mr O’Kane for a very successful timetable. The attitude and commitment of our students must also be commended and we especially thank parents for their abiding support without which little would be possible.

Already our staff are fully engaged introducing courses, taking students on excursions and varied extra-curricula activities. These extension exercises contribute significantly to student development and take place only with cooperative and mature commitment on the part of all involved.

Communicating with School

Parents are reminded of the Parent Information Book – “Communicating with Your School” (green in colour). Please connect if there should be any issues you might wish to discuss. We believe in tackling matters early before they escalate – remembering our school motto – “Together We Achieve”.

Staff Registration and Professional Standards

At Morley, we have instituted a school-wide approach to providing support for our newly qualified Graduate Staff. While these staff come to us institutionally highly trained, working in a ‘first’ or ‘new’ school requires some initial extra support. To this end, our long-time experienced and Senior Staff are happy to initiate and guide them as they settle into the new school with new students and new courses. There will be occasions when these newly trained graduates will need to withdraw from the school for a short time to discuss educational and professional issues with a view to consolidating their experience and techniques. They will, of course, soon return and resume their course work with the Morley students. We thank parents and students for their understanding and support for these newly qualified staff as they perfect their professional skills and experience for the benefit of their students.

School Council – School Board

As an Independent Public School we are required to move to a School Board structure. Workshops have been attended already by some parents and staff and documents have been drawn up and presented to ensure a smooth transition to the new structure.

The results of these activities will be presented at our next P&C Meeting (16th March at 7.30pm in the Staffroom).

International and Cultural Exchange

As always, there will be an exciting year ahead. Our Sister School, Liceo Scientifico Statale ‘R. Mattioli’ in Vasto, Italy will visit at the end of August for about ten days. We will visit Akashi High School in Japan (September/October) and the Chinese Number 2 School in Hangzhou will most likely visit Morley in November.

All in all, exciting prospects for 2015 await our students.

As staff we look forward to working professionally and beneficially with you all in the time ahead.

Sincerely,

G. L. Fortune,
Principal
ECU AWARD PRESENTATION

At our school assembly on 11th February we had a special guest from Edith Cowan University visit us to present awards from 2014. Dr Ann-Claire Larsen, Senior Lecturer within the School of Law & Justice at ECU, attended to present two awards to relevant students from our 2015 Year 12 cohort.

The ECU Year 11 Business & Law award was given to the student who had demonstrated a commitment to ECU’s core values of Integrity, Respect, Rational Inquiry and Personal Excellence. Lachlan Bryce was presented with his certificate and a one-off award of $150 for his outstanding effort in his Politics and Law class.

The ECU Year 11 Citizenship Award is for students who demonstrate outstanding citizenship qualities in school and the community. Milica Pokrajac was deemed a worthy winner by her teachers and peers and was presented with her award and a cheque for $100.

Well done students.

Mr White, Year 12 Coordinator

Art Club Kicks Off

Art Club began Wednesday 25 February with a big turnout. Over 20 students and a few staff attended our first Art Club afternoon meet. The club has been established to help develop the Arts culture at Morley SHS whilst supporting students to further develop their school-based and personal artworks out of class time.

The one hour after school ‘get-together’ allows the attendees to pursue their own creative interests whilst enjoying the company of others. A wide variety of age groups registered and will meet weekly in Art Room 1 on Wednesdays.

If you are interested in joining, collect a form from the Arts office.

Mr Daniel Heyman, Media Teacher

School Photo Days

Monday 9th March – Years 12, 7 & 9
Tuesday 10th March – Years 11, 8 & 10

All students are required to bring their Photo Envelopes (even if not ordering) as they are individually named and barcoded. They are scanned by the photographers on the day.

All students are involved in Tute group and individual photographs for school records and administrative purposes. Parents have the option of making purchases via the information provided in the Photo Envelopes distributed on February 24th. These need to be handed to the photographers at the end of the students’ photo session.

Mr Andrew Brady, School Photo Coordinator

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend Notre Dame’s Parent Information Evening to discuss subject selection, course information, the transition from high school to university, and how to apply to Notre Dame. Guest speaker, Robyn Smith (Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Moderation at SCSA) will present on how changes to the WACE curriculum will impact students applying to university from 2017.

Tuesday March 10, 6:30pm, 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

MEDICINE INFORMATION SESSION

Students interested in studying Medicine at Notre Dame are invited to attend a Medicine Information Session. Learn about the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, the Pre-Medicine Certificate and speak with current Medicine students.

Sunday March 22, 10:30am, School of Medicine, 38 Henry Street, Fremantle

To RSVP, visit www.nd.edu.au or contact the Prospective Students Office on 9433 0533
Mock Trial Competition 2015

Once again Morley SHS will participate in this prestigious competition. We will have a team compete in the compulsory three rounds and hope to proceed to the final rounds. It is the 29th Mock Trial Competition.

Members of the team are:

- **Year 12** - Litsa Smith
- **Year 11** - Jason Molek, Nicola Kenyon
- **Year 10** - Anna Boddy, Thomas Nguyen, Nhu Nguyen, Albert Lam, Annabelle Hunt, Akshaya Ravichandran and Habiba Shaaban

The competition is sponsored by the Law Society of Western Australia. Students will gain points for Secondary Graduation by participating in this competition.

The competition takes the form of a fictitious court case in which students take on the roles of barristers, solicitors, witnesses, court orderly or Judge’s associate.

This extra curricular activity involves after school rehearsals and attendance at the three rounds which are held at the Supreme Court in Perth.

Once again, this year, we are assisted by Mrs Muir, our Coach, John Rando, Barrister, and an ex-student, Zoe Kalimeris (studying Law at Murdoch University).

We thank them for their assistance.

Mr Norman Paini, Coordinator

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SCHOOL BAND

The Year 12 Contemporary Band (from left to right: Noel Gruco, Pamela Dongsal and Lorraine Raqueno) helped start the year off with a bang for the Class of ‘14 Assembly on February 11th. They performed the Kelly Clarkson hit “Breakaway”, thoroughly impressing in their first performance as an ensemble.

Mr Chadwick Beins
Music Teacher

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Do you have any uniforms or text books that you no longer need? Please consider donating them back to the school.
**MORLEY LEOS**

“LEOs” stands for “Learning, Experience and Opportunity”. Leos is a youth version of “Lions International”. The objective of the program is to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community. We do this by fundraising for our sister school in Cambodia and assisting the local Lions clubs of Noranda and Ballajura in community events.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the officers for 2015:

- President- Michael Mass Year 11
- Vice President- Thomas Nguyen Year 10
- Secretary- Amanda Yap Year 10
- Treasurer- Anna Boddy Year 10

We had 22 students at our first meeting and it will be an exciting year. Our first community event will be volunteering for the “Keep Australia Clean” campaign to be held on the 1st March.

Mr Norman Paini, Coordinator

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**HOMEWORK CLASSES**

Homework classes take place in the school library on the following days:

- Tuesday 3.30pm-5pm
- Thursday 3.30pm-5pm

All students are welcome to attend. A snack is provided and school staff are available to assist. This is a great opportunity for students to take advantage of the library facilities to complete homework or assignment tasks.

Mr Norman Paini, Coordinator

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**Gradsuttes Return with Advice**

Some 2014 Morley Senior High School Year 12 graduates returned to school on Wednesday 11 February for a special school assembly. The graduates shared their results, future University, TAFE or work directions and offered advice to the 2015 students and Staff.

Numerous graduates had accepted places in a range of University courses including “Bachelor of Commerce”, “Moving into Law”, “Bachelor of Arts” and “Bachelor of Science” at University of WA. Others are heading to Curtin University to begin “Bachelor of Engineering” and “Bachelor of Science” courses. At Edith Cowan University students have been accepted into areas such as “Construction Management”, Education and double degrees in Arts and Science.

Other students are already out in the workforce or enrolling in further training at TAFE Institutes. One student has begun an Automotive Electrician apprenticeship. Another ECU-bound student will begin a new “Bachelor of Technology” in Motorsports, focusing on Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, using computer-aided design and progressing towards designing and building race cars.

In sharing their advice with current students, the graduates commonly spoke of the need to work hard and apply oneself to the course work, but with a balance of social and sporting time. Another regular suggestion to improve was to avoid time-wasting social networks like ‘Facebook’. Amazingly, they even regularly suggested that students should listen to the teachers because “they actually do know what they are talking about” and are “there to help you do the best you can!”.

Morley SHS had a number of very high achievers in the TEE with 2014, Dux, Judith Steinberg, scoring 96.

Mr Andrew Brady, Media Teacher
2015 Volunteers Wanted!!!

Are you able to cover books? If so, are you available for book covering when required?
Please contact Ms Cleary or Mrs Medwid early next year in the Library Resource Centre on 9376 5520.
P.S. Tea, coffee and water “on tap”!!

Valentine’s Day Flowers

Valentine’s Day is always a popular day in the calendar however old you are!!

This year was no different, as the Student Leadership Team again coordinated the selling of roses that, I’m sure, brought a smile to the face of the receiver - or maybe a look of surprise!! Thank you to all who assisted.

Ms Annemarie Larcombe, Student Services
Students go to school on Sunday morning!

Twenty Morley SHS students voluntarily go to school on Sunday morning to participate in the “Clean Up Australia Day” community event. We have been involved for over nineteen years in this clean-up activity. Students clean up the native bushland around the school and areas facing Widgee and Bramwell roads. At the end of the event we all enjoyed a refreshing orange juice provided by Morley SHS Canteen and Brownes.

Congratulations to the following students for their attendance:

Asha Socolo 12.2  Darshwini Poonen 12.3
Nadin Abougahl 12.3  Khaleda Ahmad 12.7
Michael Maas 11.1  Nicholas Low 11.6
Craig Russell 10.4  Albert Lam 10.3
Jeffrey Low 10.1  Anna Boddby 10.5
Thomas Nguyen 10.8  Hannah Ebrahimiyan 10.6
Henry Yap 10.3  Amanda Yap 10.6
Drishti Poonen 7.8  Tina Truong 7.7
Jamie Yap 7.2  Esther Ng 7.5
Othman Ahmad 7.3

Mr Norman Paini, Humanities and Social Sciences
2015 EXCHANGE PROGRAM VISITORS - CHINA AND ITALY

This year Morley will be hosting students and staff from two of our sister schools, China and Italy. We will shortly be calling for student families willing to offer their hospitality and home to a visiting student from these schools. We urge you to consider this opportunity as it is an enormously rewarding experience and often leads to life-long friendships. Also, when our students go on exchange trips to these countries the offer is reciprocated. Please discuss with your family and let us know. Thank you.

2015 EXCHANGE TRIP TO JAPAN

Students are invited to submit expressions of interest to participate in our exchange programme to Japan in September. To make it easier to budget, we have developed a 'lay-by' plan by which regular weekly/monthly payments can be made. This should lessen the burden of finding the money closer to the date of departure. Please ask for the Expression of Interest form and/or further details on this payment plan from the front office. Itinerary and costings will be advised shortly, but, the estimated cost will be around $3,700. A deposit of $300 will be required when submitting this form.

Administration

Understanding Step-family Relationships

Free Parenting Workshop

headspace Osborne Park in partnership with The City of Stirling and Relationships Australia WA presents a FREE workshop that support parents to discover how enjoyable parenting can be.

Lining up a stepfamily can be a huge juggling act! This sessionet briefly looks at the various complex needs of stepfamilies so couples can be better equipped to keep their new relationship healthy and to parent effectively with a step-family family.

Upcoming workshops:
14.04.15 All About Teenage Anger
21.04.15 Raising Teens

Project Partners:
City of Stirling
Relationships Australia - Western Australia

Important Dates

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UNIFORM SHOP Opening Hours
Monday and Wednesday from 8.30am - 11.30am
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