E-LEARNING IN THE LATER YEARS

At Albert Park College we pride ourselves on having put the latest technology in the hands of our students. Our students have "grown up" with the iPad, and it has proved to be a versatile and creative tool that has enhanced student learning.

However, we feel that for students in the later years it is now time to place a more powerful device in their hands. That is why we are recommending that our students purchase an Apple Macintosh laptop computer for Years 10-12, commencing with the 2014 school year.

We want to maintain an all Mac environment in line with our philosophy to keep our use of technology as simple and streamlined as possible. From 2014 the school will support on its IT infrastructure and network:

- Any Apple Macintosh laptop that is running Mac OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion.
- For students undertaking studies that require high-end multimedia capabilities, the laptop will also need to be able to effectively run Adobe Creative Suite.

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It is not required the laptop be new, and older equipment that meets the requirements will be supported. Whatever Apple Macintosh laptop is chosen, consideration should also be given to weight so that the device remains light and which is easily transportable in each student’s distinctive Crumpler bag.

Having the laptop will give our students access to a more powerful device. It will open opportunities for students to work with the same software that is used in industry. It will offer more functionality for the creation of content, and the larger screen and keyboard will also be a welcome addition.

We want our senior students to have access to a device that will maximize their creative potential; a device that will encourage deep thinking, problem solving and creativity.

Last week I was part of a seminar at the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership. The guest speaker was John Couch Vice President of Apple Education. He reinforced the ability of the digital learning environment to transform education. He also highlighted examples where the technology allowed students to complete tasks that were previously inconceivable. It was an evening that reinforced for me the importance of using technology in allowing students to explore, innovate and create original work.

As with the iPad students will continue to own and manage their own laptop device, so parents will be asked to purchase it. Our aim is to have Year 10 students begin the move to the Apple Macintosh laptop platform by the start of 2014, with all students making the transition by the end of 2014. Students will be welcome to continue to connect their iPad and other iOS-based devices to the College’s IT infrastructure. However, it is important to note that the iPad 1 (the original iPad from 2011) will no longer be a supported device from 2014 onwards.

We acknowledge that for some families this will be a significant investment. If you would like to explore some financial options that may assist with the purchase of the device please contact Jill Mahar, our School Chaplain, to discuss the options that are available to you.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal
Currently Recommended Student Laptops for 2014 (Year 10)

13” MacBook Pro Retina

$2,999-00 (Education Price)
Intel HD Graphics 4000
256GB flash storage
8GB memory
2.8GHz dual-core Intel Core

High-performance laptop that meets all requirements. Has extensive capabilities for image, audio and video editing. Suitable for students requiring higher-level image, audio and video editing capabilities.

13” MacBook Air

$1,749-00 (Education Price)
Intel HD Graphics 4000
256GB flash storage
8GB memory
2.6GHz dual-core Intel Core

Good

11” MacBook Air

$1,049-00 (Education Price)
Intel HD Graphics 4000
64GB flash storage
4GB memory
1.8GHz dual-core Intel Core

Better

11” MacBook Air

$749-00 (Education Price)
Intel HD Graphics 4000
256GB flash storage
8GB memory
1.2GHz dual-core Intel Core

Best

All currently shipping laptops available from Apple meet the College’s requirements for 2014. However, the College advises that you purchase your laptop as close as possible to the start of the 2014 school year so that you can take advantage of any updates that are released by Apple. For the complete list of Apple laptops and education pricing, please refer to:
http://store.apple.com/au-red/browse/home/shop-mac
LEADERSHIP EVENING 2013

On Wednesday 22nd May, Albert Park College celebrated the Student Leadership Team for 2013 in our annual Leadership Evening. The evening showcased the diverse leadership opportunities available to students at the College, with over fifty students receiving badges for a wide range of leadership positions.

The hard work of last year’s School Captains and School Vice Captains was also acknowledged:
School Captains 2012 – Buzz Miljoen & Erika Palomares
School Vice Captains 2012 – Campbell Rider & Aislinge Samuel

‘Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower…’

A quote by the late Mr Steve Jobs. Mr Jobs changed the lives of millions of people all over the world, including everyone here this evening. He was an amazing leader, an incredible creator, and we will always be inspired by the vision he had to make the world more accessible for us all.

Good evening everyone, my name is Ava Thornley and beside me is Luke Patitsas. We are the 2013 School Captains here at Albert Park College, and we would personally like to welcome you to tonight’s presentation.

So, what makes an ideal school leader? I think that it is someone who is proud of who they are, is dedicated, enthusiastic and responsible. They are students who have earned the respect of their teachers and peers alike. A school leader is approachable, strong in their opinion, is willing to speak up, and is someone who enjoys leading by example.

Student leadership is one of the most beneficial, extracurricular activities a student can participate in during their high school years. Here at Albert Park College, gaining a leadership role is not only beneficial to the development of students, but it is an honour to all who are involved, and gives them the opportunity to give back to the school.

Such roles also allow students to develop and grow their leadership skills.

It lets them show to both themselves and their peers that they respect their school and its values.

As a school captain, it is my job to work alongside the students and teachers, and to make Albert Park College the best school that it can be. As a foundation student, the last three years have been an amazing journey, and I believe that Student leadership will lead Albert Park College into a successful future.

Ava Thornley
School Captain 2013
Take a moment to ask yourself, what is success to you? Is it reaching a milestone, or perhaps achieving a lifelong goal? Success comes in many forms, and it is something that everybody works towards, but not necessarily something that everybody achieves. It is only human to want to succeed and to strive towards success, and that importance of achievement is something I am sure all people long for.

The importance of success and the journey that accompanies it is important in everyone’s life, and here at Albert Park College we indeed strive for success in everything we do. In our short time that we have been a school, we have witnessed many great achievements and successes.

Achievements such as Victorian debate finalists in our first year of competition, constructing our own pedal car and competing in the Pedal Prix, hosting our own Art Show and an amazing Vaudeville performance where all students showcased their talents - all these would not have been possible without the support given to us by the College and its teaching staff and the strong sense of school pride that has been instilled in us. This sense of pride for our College has not only propelled us to achieve successes but also puts us in good stead to achieve even more in the future.

With the opportunities offered at APC, why wouldn’t you want to strive for greatness? State of the art facilities, teachers and equipment gives students everything they need to achieve success and in most cases they do. Whether it’s music, sport, art or other academic subjects everyone here at Albert Park College is determined to work hard and face future challenges with enthusiasm and passion.

Leadership at APC is no different. The responsibilities we are given are challenging and not treated lightly. We all have a part to play and when united the school is at its best. With a friendly environment and a peaceful atmosphere it provides a strong and productive work ethic. We all work hard and are entirely devoted to the tasks we complete, I’m not surprised we already have a long list of achievements.

I am humbled to have been chosen to be a part of the leadership team that will forge its future success and direction. I look forward to working with the leadership team and facing the many challenges that await us to ensure positive outcomes for our school. Our school motto is to Lead, Create and Inspire and as school captain this year I hope to do exactly that. We would also just like to congratulate all of the other students who were awarded leadership roles and we are eager to work with all of you in the future.

Thank You!

Luke Patitsas 9MB
School Captain 2013
We traveled to ACMI to do a short course in film development. When we got there we were given a brief description about what ACMI does and what it provides, and all the competitions that we could enter. Then they explained what we were doing which was making a short film with one prop and one word.

They explained that we couldn’t edit our film on a computer (no post-production), instead we had to edit in the camera, which meant that we had to be very careful with our planning. To edit in-camera we would need to pause it really quickly after each shot and we couldn’t watch it beforehand. We got a piece of paper and developed a shot list, which was our pre-production (planning). Peter, Jasper and I got a spade and the word “again”. We thought of an idea about a guy who kept digging and he kept finding the same thing and then eventually he found what he was looking for.

After the pre-production was done we had a camera tutorial, the man from ACMI explained how to use the camera effectively and how to use the tripod. My group went out to the sand pits near Fed Square and filmed it all in 30 minutes. We then went back to the studio and got to see everyone’s films after which we returned to school.

Max Kooymann-Hardge 9JW

“This was a great excursion, highlighting the importance of the pre-production stages of filmmaking. ACMI provided students with a great insight into the filmmaking process and everyone was extremely creative in their productions!”

Mr Howard
We were very excited when word got out that we were having a special assembly with a special guest coming in. The special guest name was Seth Franco, and what was so special about him is that he was a former Harlem Globe Trotter. The Harlem Globe Trotters are a travelling basketball team with individuals that have tremendous skill. Seth was very entertaining. Throughout the assembly he kept us all interested with tricks and games, but his story had everyone intrigued. He told us about his youth and how his dream was to make it to the NBA but his injury suppressed his dream. He told us that if he had spoken out that his dream could have come true. He told us about the dark times he went through and how he felt like giving it all up, and finally he explained how he landed a movie role, how he got recruited to the globe trotters and how he got his life back.

At the end of the assembly he reinforced the message to never give up in life and always speak out when you’re in pain. He was an inspiring individual who shared his life story and morals, giving us a different outlook on life.

Max Kooyman-Hardge 9JW
APC WELCOMES VISITING TEACHER FROM CANADA

As an internship participant from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), at the University of Toronto, I am thankful for my time here at Albert Park College. Upon arrival, I was greeted by a generous and supportive office staff and felt instantly welcomed. From the support of Principal Cook, my hosts the Kelly Family, to my mentor teacher Victoria Kilpatrick; I have been extremely fortunate to be taken under the wing of a supportive learning network.

The new DaVinci program is unique in its approach to using 21st century learning skills and although it is still in infancy, the strengths of the program and Albert Park College in general, are the tireless dedication to students and sheer passion for learning ever exhibited by teaching staff. Although I still have much to learn about the differences between the Canadian and Australian teaching systems, what I do know is that, with a school environment like that of Albert Park College, transitioning has been made comfortable and welcoming.

Although my time at APC has been short, I will miss the students and staff. I will always remember the professional work environment, exhibiting energy and dedication to teaching and student learning, that I have witnessed here.

Kathryn Komorowski

BOOK DONATIONS FOR CAMBODIAN CHARITY

Ella Green from 8KR is off to Cambodia and wants your help. In her letter to the APC schooling community Ella invites you to contribute to the volunteer work she will be undertaking with her family by donating some books.

To the APC Community,

I am about to go overseas for a year, and my family and I will be working for a month at the Life and Hope Association (LHA) in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

LHA is a non-profit, non-governmental, education-focused organisation run by monks of Wat Damnak, and primarily concerned with breaking the poverty cycle by educating children and disadvantaged young women. We will be assisting in some of the LHA initiatives, including the sewing school, girl’s education programs and foreign language school.

My family and I chose LHA after researching charitable organisations in Cambodia and believe it to be ethical and appropriate.

An important part of my contribution will be the collection and delivery of text books for the LHA education programs, for which I am seeking your help.

Please donate any of the following high school text books:

- Maths
- Science
- Chemistry, Physics
- Humanities
- English and;
- Sewing catalogue/pattern books

The cut-off date for donations is Friday June 21st.

Books can be left Reception at APC.

Any enquiries are to be directed to Derek Green on 0413 786 007
APC TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION – FRIDAY JUNE 21

One of the highlights of the school year is our Trivia Night & Silent Auction. A great way for you to support our College, have a great time and help raise money for programs that will further enhance your child’s opportunities at APC.

Tickets are already sold out for this event!

However you can still support our College through donations of Good and Services to be included in the Silent Auction.

This can be something small like.....a great......Bottle of Red to something large like a new bike .......something good to eat or something fun to Do.

Or if you have a business......and feel the end of financial year looming......perhaps you can convert some unwanted stock into a worth-while APC donation ? ? ?

All contributions are welcome !

If you are donating for the first time contact – Daisy Gregoriou 0478177088 or daisy.gregoriou@yahoo.com

OR for anyone who has previously donated contact Sharon Seyd 0419310765 or sharon@mosaicgroup.com.au

CULTURAL DANCE TEACHERS WANTED

APC will be holding their annual Multicultural Day on Friday the 26th of July, 2013 and we would love to include a variety of dance workshops that educate and show the students as many dance genres as possible. If you or someone you know has a background in other cultural dance styles and is willing to donate 30 minutes to 1 hour of time on the 26th of July to teach or perform, can you please contact Trevor Buckingham at the school via email- buckingham.trevor.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
WOULD AN EXTRA $500 HELP COVER EDUCATION COSTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program that can assist you with up to $500 for education related costs.

Saver Plus participants are encouraged to save over a 10 month period with the incentive of having their savings matched by up to $500. Matched savings can be used to pay for educational costs such as textbooks, uniforms, computers and iPad’s, as well as extra curricular activities such as swimming, clubs, educational software, camps, dance and music lessons and musical or sports equipment.

Sarah, a recent participant that completed Saver Plus said “I used the program to teach my son about saving and we saved the monthly amounts together towards his laptop for high school. It was so rewarding to finally purchase and use the computer.”

To be eligible you need to:

• have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
• have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work, and
• have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself

Since 2003 Saver Plus has had an enormous impact on the community, reaching more than 16,000 people across Australia. Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in 61 locations across Australia by community organisations.

Jewish Care Victoria has been delivering the Saver Plus program in the City of Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Kingston for the last 3 years and welcomes anyone (irrespective of their religious affiliation) to apply.

For more information contact:
Henry Frenkel, Saver Plus Worker at Jewish Care on 8517 5670 or 0488 069 627
Email: hfrenkel@jewishcare.org.au

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE RACE AROUND MELBOURNE

Have you ever wanted to be a part of the Amazing Race?
Were you hooked on the TV show?
Why not come along to APC’s race around Melbourne?

This year as part of their tutorial program students in year 8 are competing in an amazing race challenge around Melbourne. The event will be a fun filled day full of the same drama and mayhem seen on the show.

To make the day as interactive as possible Kathryn Riosa the year eight coordinator is looking for parent volunteers to come and champion a team on the day. If you’re interested in coming along for the ride please communicate your interest to Kathryn either by phone or her email address: riosa.kathryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au. The race is scheduled for Friday June 14th from 9:30-2:30pm.
APC STUDENTS SUPPORT HOCKEY GALA DAY

On Friday the 3rd of May, we (Sonya, Jana, Talia and Sienna) took part in the Albert Park Primary School 5/6 Hockey Gala Day. We were umpires for the games and we also helped coach the teams, this was a great way for us to represent APC.

We got up early in the morning and arrived at the school ready to catch the bus with the 5/6 students to the Footscray Hockey Grounds.

The experience was a great way for us to show our leadership skills off to the community, as well as a great chance to interact with different students.

We enjoyed going to our old primary school and catching up with teachers and friends. This was also a great opportunity to meet new people for example teachers, students and gala day coordinators.

Overall we thoroughly enjoyed helping out the team at APPS, and hope that we can take part on these events again.

Sienna 8EG, Jana Wardrop 8MS, Talia Tambouras 8MS and Sonya Rokhlina 8MS

BASKETBALL VICTORIA’S 3 X 3 CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 30th April, four girls successfully competed in Basketball Victoria’s 3 x 3 challenge at the State Basketball Centre.

Well done to:
Janna Fotakopoulos 9BU
Annie Gaze 8AK
Mia Ganci 9AR
Emily Kalaitzidis 9CO

Our fantastic team from APC defeated Lillydale 9 - 0, Rosebud 14 - 6, Geelong 7 – 4 and Overnewton 6 – 2!!

They came runners up in the Grand Final after a controversial start when the other team were late turning up.

All the girls performed as an exceptionally high standard and proved that all their hard work with our Academy is paying off

Fantastic effort girls! Lets win it next year!

Mr Clutton
One of the aims of the APC Partnerships Team is to help ensure school activities are accessible to students from all backgrounds. We have established a partnership with South Melbourne Community Chest to help fund musical instruments that would be prohibitively expensive for students. Rotary Melbourne (South) has also partnered with APC to provide 50% of the cost of music lessons for financially disadvantaged students. We continue to seek support from external organisations to ensure access to music and other extra-curricular activities for all students.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

In the lead up to the end of financial year, don’t forget that donations to the school’s Building and Library funds are tax deductible. The school will accept donations of any size at any time!

If you are interested in helping us build partnerships with supportive organisations, please contact Mark Sheppard on mark.shep@optusnet.com.au.
APC NOTICEBOARD

PARENT HELP FOR SPORTS

We are looking for volunteers to help with transport and supervision for the APC sport program.

Throughout the year there will be a number teams entered in the inter-schools competition.

These day events run throughout each term with different sports.

Particularly with the smaller teams help is required to transport them to the event and supervise them when they are playing.

For example last term a team of 4 tennis players went to Dingley and this term a team of 8 badminton players will be going to MSAC.

The students score themselves. It requires no umpiring, teachers from the other schools will be there as well as a convenor who will be in charge of the tournament overall.

A working with children’s check and comprehensive car insurance to transport students would be required.

If you are interested in helping please pass on your details to the school council or email Albert Park College directly.

iPad BACK-UP

Please ensure that students are regularly backing up their iPads to either iTunes or iCloud to avoid losing valuable data.

UNIFORM MATTERS

We are getting a number of pieces of uniform handed into Reception that are not named, which makes it almost impossible to identify and return to the correct owner. Could you please ensure that all pieces uniform, especially blazers, are clearly labelled with your child’s name. This will help us reunite lost clothing more effectively. Thanks for your cooperation.

APC RAIN JACKET COMING SOON

The APC rain jacket will be available soon from Reception.

The jacket will be selling for $40.00 and will be embossed with the “A” (in yellow).
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS

Parent Connect has invited a speaker from Visual Jazz Isobar to come to APC

When: 3rd September, 7pm
Where: APC

**Information Night: Social Media**
*Gold coin donation*

When: 3rd August, 9am – 1pm
Where: Lauriston Institute, 38 Huntingtower Rd, Armadale

**VIP Saturday with Michael Grose and Bruce Sullivan**
*A morning of inspiration, motivation & learning*

This very special morning will help parents:
- Build strong, caring & co-operative family relationships
- Reclaim your energy and your focus so you enjoy family-life more
- Raise kids to be resilient including those with special needs
- Discover the parenting style that’s needed to raise children in these changing times
- Develop a common framework for raising modern kids so they feel more confident and assured as parents.

Both speakers will present for 90 minutes and the morning will end on a high with a 30 minute Q & A session with both speakers.

**Bookings essential – Limited numbers**
$55 per person if booked before 14 June ($67 after 14 June)

When: Thursday 13 June, 12:45 – 1:15pm
Where: Lunchbox / Soapbox at The Wheeler Centre

**Michael Carr-Greg on Parenting Adolescents**

Renowned child and adolescent psychologist Michael Car-Greg takes a close look at adolescent mental health in Australia today, and outlines the strategies parents can implement to help families through these often-tricky years.

**This is a free event, bookings are not required**
http://wheelercentre.com/events/event/michael-carr-greg-on-parenting-adolescents/
A major challenge for parents is to find ways of safely moving children from being reliant on adults to a position of independence. This can be tough because your natural instinct is to nurture them.

Training for independence starts from a young age and continues into adolescence and beyond. Developing independence is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence.

When you teach children to do jobs for themselves, you send a powerful message that you believe that they are capable. Your actions speak louder than words.

Developing independence in kids can be tricky these days. Recently I heard a brilliant, yet deceptively simple idea that all parents can use to develop independence in their kids of any age.

I attended an advanced presentation skills seminar, conducted by Australian professional speaker Glenn Capelli.

Glenn said that many speakers complicated matters for audiences, making things too complex. One way of making it easy for audiences to learn is to create a JUNIOR VERSION of whatever we are talking about.

He likened this to the way that many sporting bodies have now developed modified versions of adult sports, so kids can learn the basic skills of the sport in fun, enjoyable ways.

I had one of those light bulb moments as I listened, and realised that effective parents create JUNIOR VERSIONS of the GAME all the time to help kids develop the skills of self-sufficiency and independence from a very early age.

Here are some examples:

1. We get toddlers to smooth the doonas and arrange their teddies on their beds – that’s a JUNIOR VERSION of making a bed.

2. We encourage early primary school kids to make snacks, prepare breakfasts and help prepare a meal. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of cooking an evening meal.

3. WE drive primary school kids half way to school and let them walk the rest. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of walking to school.

4. We let an early teen go to a local cinema with friends. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of going out without adult supervision.

There are plenty of ways to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living every day so kids can become more self-sufficient.

**What JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living are you creating for your kids?**

If you are anxious about your child’s safety and tend to be more protective than you want, then start creating JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living, so that kids can learn to stand on their own two feet rather than be dependent on you.

Remember, REDUNDANCY is your aim as a parent!

Similarly, one way for kids to develop self-help skills is to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of what you already do, so they can develop the skill-sets needed to look after themselves, and help out the rest of the family.

Now that’s an idea worth thinking about!

Want your kids to help more at home without being paid? Get your FREE kids’ Chores & Responsibilities Guide when you subscribe to Happy Kids, my regular newsletter for parents at www.parentingideas.com.au.

Comment: www.twitter.com/michaelgrose

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ART SHOW

ALBERT PARK COLLEGE

25–27 Oct 2013

Annual curated art exhibition
Preview Night 25 October 2013
Tickets available online from September
Free admission to public 26 and 27 October

Open submission
Invitation to artists for 2 & 3 dimensional works
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Enquiries – 0410 596 415 (Trudy)
or apcollegeartshow@gmail.com

Enter online
WWW.ALBERTPARKCOLLEGE.VIC.EDU.AU/ART
Welcome to Gasworks Arts Park’s first ever school update!

We’re thrilled to offer you a small, bite sized sample of just a few of the many events we have on offer here at Gasworks. In the coming months, we’ll be showcasing a range of programs, live shows, art exhibitions and workshops that suit all ages… including the acclaimed contemporary dance work Happy as Larry; a huge show that incorporates break-dance, acrobatics, rollerblading and basketball into one gigantic endorphin fuelled extravaganza. Our Kids School Holiday Program kicks off this month, with a mix of innovative workshops and our premier kids performance of Possum Magic, and finally, our nationally renowned Farmers Market is on the third Saturday of every month, where you can score yourself an assortment of delectable delights… rain, hail or shine, you can guarantee the Gasworks Farmers Market is on!

We can’t wait to see you in the Park.

Happy as Larry
Dates: 9 to 10 Aug 2013
Price: Full $35 / Conc $30

Created by award winning choreographer Shaun Parker, this powerful performance combines an intoxicating, free-flowing mix of ballet, break-dance, acrobatics and highly physical contemporary dance.

Kids Holiday Program
Dates: 1 to 13 Jul 2013
Price: Various

Gasworks’ kids programs bring together a range of energetic artists and performers who specialise in working with kids. Our workshops, performances and classes are imaginative, engaging and fun!

Farmers Market
Dates: 15 June 2013
Price: FREE

Brightly coloured, ripe and delicious fruit and vegetables, aromatic hand-made cakes and jams, free range eggs and just cut flowers are only a few of the sumptuous goods you’ll find at our award winning monthly Farmers Market.

BOOKINGS & MORE INFO: WWW.GASWORKS.ORG.AU OR (03) 9699 3253

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