This year’s school production was, “What Do We Stand For?”. Students across all year levels participated in the show, which consisted of music and skits to fit a theme of Good and Evil. More than 40 cast members took to the stage to present items such as “Superman”, sung by Amisha Mangal and Amy Strautmanis with a beautiful contemporary dance performance by Maddy Schulz and Josh Leibrandt; “Be Prepared” from “The Lion King”, starring James Heard in a fabulous version of Scar and choreographed by Ms Emily Frawley; “For Good”, sung by Bree Osborne and Alicia Gould and again featuring a dance by Maddy Schulz, with Peta Valos. Skits directed by Mr James, Ms Mennell and Ms Provan included the wonderful Shillane Palleson as Granny O’Grimm, scenes from Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, Superman and a hilarious version of the Monty Python’s, Hell’s Grannies featuring several teachers and some rather scared students! Other highlights were the spectacular, “Cell Block Tango”, led beautifully by Daniella Alvarez, which demonstrated Ms Amy Bosch’s superb choreography. The finale, “What Do I Stand For” included every student in the cast – all singing, and dancing. The band, led by Ms Baker-Goldsmith, did a terrific job of providing backings for the musical items. The whole show was costumed brilliantly by Ms Smyth. Overseen by Ms Angelico, the show proved that the students and staff of Maribyrnong College are not only wonderful performing artists but can also work as a team to produce entertaining and touching performances. A huge thanks to everyone involved both on stage and behind the scenes. Ms Provan

**LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT**

We are getting very close to finishing our library renovation. With a lot of hard work and patience from the students and staff, we were able to undertake this project during Term 2 & 3. If you haven’t been to visit please drop in and check out the new space and comfy chairs. We are open from 8:15 to 4pm Monday to Friday. A big thank you to Ms Moore who coordinated the project. Ms White - Library Manager
The 2013 Victorian School Spectacular was outstanding! There were performers from all over the state doing various things from juggling to skipping rope, from acrobatics to roller skating and just about anything else in between.

The Spectacular included a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim was to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria’s government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all came together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrated a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

This was the first year that saw a Sports Specialist School get involved and Maribyrnong Sports Academy was given that honour with its basketball program. The student athletes that represented Maribyrnong were: Rebecca Hassall, Panashe Dzmatti (Yr.12), Nathan Freeman, Callum Langmaid, Charlton Camp (Yr.11), Carlo Camp, (Yr.10), Cassie Favero, Sam Wenlock (Yr.9), Monique Conti, Heaven Lee Valenti, Vanessa McIntosh (Yr.8), Nathan Coory, and Destiny Valenti (Yr.7).

The students had to present a 3 minute basketball routine to a crowd of 5000 at Hisense Arena. The students were incredible with their dribbling and well-choreographed routine.

It was an honour to be a part of the show and our students performed and represented themselves and the school community with the utmost pride and spirit that reflects the discipline and work ethic of the sports program.

I must give special thanks to Ms Ardeljan and Ms Bosch who put in their time and effort to come up with a routine that suited the athletes perfectly and was given high praise by the organisers of the event.

As Head Coach of the Basketball Program I am very proud of the athletes for their performance, discipline, and enthusiasm throughout the process.

The performance will be broadcast on: Channel 7
Sunday 20th October
2:30pm – 4:30pm
Great Job to all students!

Brian Vaughns - Basketball Head Coach

On Friday October 11th during the whole school assembly, Maribyrnong College will be having a fashion show to encourage student self-confidence and extra-curricular involvement along with showcasing some of the shops at Highpoint. Get ready to support your fellow students as they strut their stuff down the catwalk!
BOOK TALK WITH CAROLE WILKINSON

On Tuesday the 3rd of September the Year 7 and 8 students had the pleasure of listening to Carole Wilkinson present a book talk. Carole was very interesting and kept the students captivated. Carole has written more than 30 books and is the author of the best-selling, award winning Dragonkeeper series. Ms Collett

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2013

This year students from Year 7, 8 and 9 participated in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. A total of 550 books were read! Well done to everyone who participated. I would like to especially congratulate Abudullah Mohammed for having read 100 books. The Challenge fosters a love of reading and is an important literacy initiative. We look forward to having a large number of students participating in next year’s Challenge and borrowing the wonderful new ebooks available through the OverDrive app. Ms Collett

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The College was buzzing during Week 3 in anticipation of the Australian Mathematics Competition, which took place on Thursday 1st August. 130 excited students, across all year levels, took part in this year’s competition. The competition was run in the school hall under examination conditions. The students worked extremely hard for the double period trying their best to answer some challenging questions. All students who participated in the competition will receive a certificate in Term 4. The College has been notified of some outstanding results. The students who have achieved these results are; Peter Nguyen, Hoang Nguyen, Catherine Geng, Hannah Barraza, Carl D’Souza, Zachary Mevissen and Anna Giang. In 2014 we are aiming for the competition to be bigger than ever...

Lauren Browne - Mathematics Coordinator.
YEAR 10 VISUAL ART

Students have spent this term looking at themes related to 'Text in art' and Photorealism. Here is some of their work that is on display around the B Block corridors.

WANTED: ALL MARIBYRNONG COLLEGE EX-STUDENTS

Maribyrnong College is trying to establish an Alumni. Please email the college at maribyrnong.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au to register your details and interest.

THANK YOU FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday 11th September the Parents & Friends Association put on a beautiful morning tea for all of the staff at the College. We wanted the staff to know how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication to our wonderful College.

Laurie Walker - PFA President

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the school and the Department of Education do NOT provide accident insurance for students whilst at school, on excursions, swimming, sporting programs or on camps. Parents/carers are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs.

For your information: reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.
Day 1 - Monday 2nd September
Before our arrival on Mt Hotham, we stopped at Harrietville to hire our snow jackets and pants. When we arrived at Mt Hotham, we were dropped off at our lodge where we unpacked and got settled in at our lodge. Mel had already arrived and was preparing our meals and snacks. We then went to “Hoye’s Ski Hire” to hire our skis, snowboards and boots. We then had to walk back to the lodge wearing our extremely uncomfortable boots whilst carrying our snowboards and or skis depending on what the person chose. After the long walk back we went outside and played with the snow. After becoming drenched and frozen we wondered around our lodge. Mel had cooked us a delicious meal of pasta and a yummy dessert of sticky date pudding. During our meal the manager spoke to us about taking care of the lodge and an officer from snow patrol came to brief us on the rules and regulations of how to keep safe on the mountain. We went to bed at 10:00pm to get ready for the exciting morning of getting onto the slopes. Phu Nguyen and Amisha Mangal

Day 2 - Tuesday 3rd September
The day started with our first lesson at skiing or snowboarding which ever we had chosen to pursue for the camp. Within starting the lesson I soon found out how hard it was to ski backwards as I collected a poor snowboarder. The lesson lasted for 1.5 hours in which we then moved on up to the top of the summit run where we took a group photo. Unfortunately I didn’t know how to get off the chair lift which resulted in me rolling off the lift and down the top of the mountain to the rest of the group. We skied/boarded for a while before stopping for lunch at Hotham Central, yet again within this time frame I managed to flip off the chair lift whilst trying to get off. After a good lot of skiing and boarding from 9-4 it was safe to say we were tired, wet and hungry so we headed back to ‘Tanderra Lodge’ and it was dinner, movie, showers and bed to rest for the next big day out on the snow. Carly Bertrand

Day 3 - Wednesday 4th September
Today was the 2nd day of our snowboarding trip. We have now successfully gone down a hill without falling on our faces (or any thing else) but we have all had our fair share of stacks. We were put into groups and we learnt how to stop ourselves and how to turn. It would have been nice to know how to stop on the first day down the slopes but that’s cool. We have now become quite good at dodging obstacles (little kids, holes in the snow and batman... yes batman). A few of us have gone down some of the harder slopes and only fell off the cliff a couple times. Although our dodging skills are quite good we can’t dodge all the little kids that get in our way but it is a great way to make new friends. Everyone has become competent enough that we are able to race and even attempt to do jumps on the terrain and obstacles (little children). The whole trip has been a great learning experience. We have learnt how to crash into each other when getting off the ski lift, to let go of the ski lift once we get off and that old skiers are all very cranky and foul-mouthed... just a tip, don’t cut off old people. Going up the ski lift has given us time to watch the more experienced skiers do flips, and to laugh when they crash and burn. Ski camp has been awesome so far. Nick Giourmas and Steven Rutherford