

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

# Alumni Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to February's issue of Mount Waverley Secondary College Alumni Newsletter.

In this issue read about the exciting news on school tour reunions the college is having as well as Class of '83 Reunion Facebook page up and running. Enjoy memories and photos from the past including staff photos.

Your contributions and insights (*stories, memories and photos*) has enhanced this monthly newsletter. Keep them coming.

If you have any updates or news to share or any suggestions as to what you would like to see in future newsletters, please email me at [alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au).

## Community. Choice. Engagement.

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### Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Dr Wade Halvorson class of 1973.

A detailed description on this Spotlight can be seen on the next page of this newsletter or on our Alumni Facebook page. Click here to [view](#).

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone for a future Alumni Spotlight, I would love to hear from you.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# DR WADE HALVORSON

## CLASS OF 1973



*When Wade was young he wanted to be an architect or a lawyer.*

### WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

Wade graduated with a Higher School Certificate (HSC) from Mount Waverley High School in 1973. His journey led him west of the country where he completed a Bachelor of Commerce at University of Western Australia in Perth.

After an early career in business, he returned to university to complete his MBA at Curtin University, Perth where he also started teaching part-time.

Earning his PhD (researching virtual worlds) from Lulea University in Northern Sweden, he became a full-time academic and taught in Perth, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Sydney, China.

### WHERE IS HE NOW?

Wade is back in Melbourne, living 10 minutes away from Mount Waverley Secondary College, and working at Deakin University as Theme Director in the Entrepreneurship and Small Business program.

### SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

A highlight for Wade at high school was receiving the James Hatwell Memorial Prize for English Literature in his final year. Miss Taylor was the English teacher at the time.





## Congratulations to our Alumni



**Ewan Burgess**  
Class of 2022

Congratulations to Mount Waverley's Dux for 2022, Ewan Burgess, who received an ATAR score of : 99.85. Ewan has enrolled into a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Actuarial Studies) at the University of Melbourne.

*We wish Ewan all the best in his studies.*



Vidarshana has completed a double degree - Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Bachelor of Science at Monash University in 2022 and is now studying Medicine at University of Sydney. She will be heading off to Dubbo soon to start the next chapter of her journey!

*We wish Vidarshana all the best with her continuing studies.*



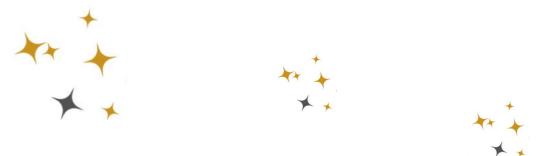
**Vidarshana Satish**  
Class of 2018



**Ryan Verma**  
Class of 2019

Ryan was lucky to have enrolled into the University of his choice amidst the COVID pandemic. He studied a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Diploma of Languages at Monash University and is currently working for Knauf part time while finishing up his remaining two years of university.

*We wish Ryan all the best.*







## What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

"Walking downhill to school and class friends"

**Michael Ryan**  
Class of 1969

"It's inclusive, holistic, multicultural, and there were many great teachers and friends during my years at MWSC"

**Mary Kwan**  
Class of 1995

"Being Young!"

**Steven Quigg**  
Class of 1986

"Playing 4 square during year 12. School sports day "

**Timothy O'Donoghue**  
Class of 2016

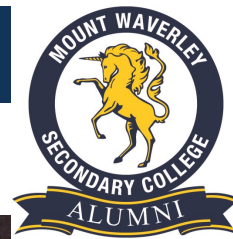
"Met my lifelong friends, having some of the best teachers, year 12 muck up day and many more "

**Vivian Chen**  
Class of 2015

"The way in which our year-level really came together in Year 12. It was a year of positivity and friendships which I really look back on fondly"

**Omar de Silva**  
Class of 2006





# Photos fresh from the Archives



School Musical Production



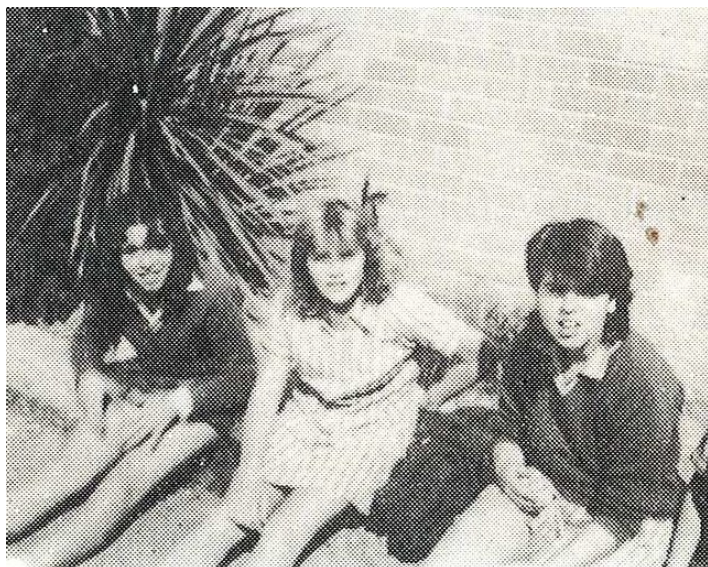
School Captains 1964/65



Year 12 PE Class 1982



School Life 1991



Year 8 1985





# Photos fresh from the Archives



Year 12 1974



School Life 1992



Year 9 City Explore 2012



Year 7 1985



School Life 1990





# Photos fresh from the Archives - STAFF



Fancy Dress 2014



Library Opening 1979



Year 7 Camp 2015



Staff at Class of 82's 40 Year Reunion 2022



Original Staff 1964





## Giving Back - Work Experience Opportunity for Students



### Work Experience

Another way alumni can get involved is to provide work experience placements for a student.

We have **250 + year 10 students** who need to find a place for work experience.

If your workplace can hold a student, or if you have any contacts that could offer this opportunity, please let us know. Email [✉ alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au) or phone 9803 6811.

It is a great way to give back to your school community!





## Alumni events



# LET' S CELEBRATE SCHOOL TOUR REUNIONS

This is a great opportunity to come back and visit your old school. There will be a school tour of the Senior Campus followed by light refreshments.

Take the chance to come and see how things have changed since you were last at school. Meet up with old school friends and teachers.

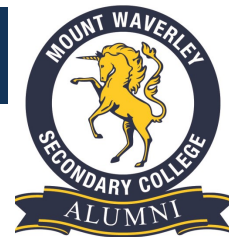
If you have family or friends who went to Mount Waverley in the years listed below, please pass on the exciting news.

Class of **1973, 1983 and 1993** – **50, 40 and 30** years  
**Term 1 - 10th March 2023 - 10am**

Class of **2003** - **20** years - **Term 2**

Class of **2013** - **10** years - **Term 3**

**Bookings** essential. Details on how to book will follow shortly on our Alumni Facebook and LinkedIn pages.



### Alumni events

Any Alumni events coming up will be listed here and posted on our Facebook page. So keep an eye out.

### Class of '83

It will be 40 years this year since the Class of '83 completed their HSC. There has been a Facebook group set up to connect with "old" classmates, Class of '83 Reunion Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/580818643531691>. Group name: MWHS Class of '83.



### Stay connected



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### I wonder what they're doing now?

What are all the former students of Mount Waverley Secondary College doing nowadays? We still want to maintain recognition of your achievements big or small. Take advantage of our alumni network to connect with other alumni.

So how about it - to all of you ex-students out there - let's hear from you.

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