

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

Alumni Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome Alumni and Friends

Mount Waverley Secondary College Alumni aims to provide opportunities for past students to stay in touch through special events and social networking. We welcome updates of achievements and celebrations from our extended community. We would love to hear what our Alumni are up to.

Having this monthly Alumni Newsletter, we can share these achievements and memories with all.

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, Victoria Tortopidis, the Alumni Coordinator, at 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 Mark Eaton (1989-1990).

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

MARK EATON

(1989 - 1990)



When Mark was young he loved both Top Gun and JAG and wanted to be a fighter pilot or a lawyer or both. 1 out of 2 ain't bad.

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

During his time at Mount Waverley Secondary College, Mark set his sights on pursuing a career in law, not so much because he was argumentative, but because he liked to help people resolve their differences. With hard work and perseverance during his VCE years, Mark achieved his aim and in 1996 enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University, graduating in 2001.

Mark's career has seen him navigate a series of mergers and acquisitions to find himself in his present position, partner at HDME Lawyers. Throughout his career in private legal practice, Mark has represented clients in complex commercial, property and estate litigation. Mark has also acted for private clients with significant estates providing advice in the areas of wills and succession. Mark has a keen interest in alternative dispute resolution.

Over the years, Mark has been on many committees and boards, as a member of the Austin Hospital's Human Research Ethics Committee to a director on the Board of the local Pinewood Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) and as President of his son's primary school School Council. Mark has also found time to enjoy his passion for sport as a coach of junior basketball teams.

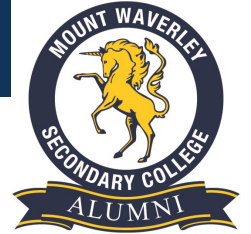
WHERE IS HE NOW?

Mark is a Partner in the firm HDME Lawyers, where he leads the commercial litigation and succession law teams. Whilst the firm's main office is in St Kilda Road, Mark has stayed true to his roots, with HDME Lawyers maintaining a branch office in the Pinewood Shopping Centre at Mount Waverley. Mark is also a co-trustee of Funds in Court, Supreme Court of Victoria.



SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Mark recalls his time as a Year 7 student on the SRC where he successfully campaigned to introduce a less formal alternative to the school blazer as an option to the official school uniform.



Congratulations to our Alumni



**Thea Kalfas
Class of 2017**

Thea studied a Bachelor of Nursing at Deakin University finishing 2021 and now works at Alfred Hospital in her graduate year. *We wish Thea all the best.*



**Jason Zhao
Class of 2018**

Jason has graduated from University of Adelaide with a Bachelors of International Relations in December 2021. Currently he is studying International Relations Honours research degree at University of Melbourne. Jason was also involved as a research assistant for the recently published book "Taking the low road - China's Influence in Australian States and Territories" by the highly esteemed Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI). He received a summer research scholarship in 2021 from the University faculty of Arts. Jason would highly encourage students to seek research opportunities during their undergraduate studies. *Good luck for the future Jason.*

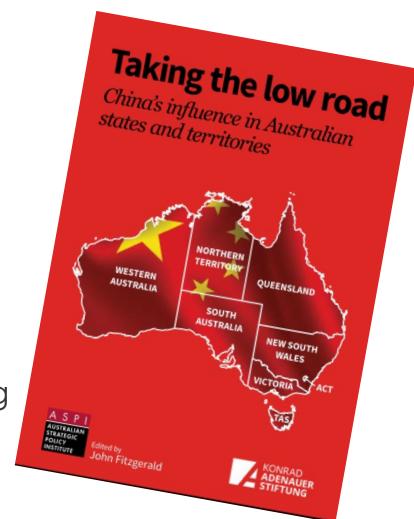
Acknowledgement

The author would like to recognise the important assistance he received from Jason Zhao in researching this chapter.

**Abbie Rose
Class of 2017**



Abbie finished a Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) degree at Monash University last year and has been working at Monash Health as a Grade 1 Physiotherapist since December 2021. *Wishing you all the best Abbie.*





What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

"Form 6 good group of friends in particular study group before the final exams."

Andrew Keir
Class of 1973

"Mr Griffin physics classes."

Sebastian Saliba
Class of 2000

"The friendship, the support by teachers especially in the final year."

Chrystal Teoh
Class of 2018

"Maths with Fergie. Wilson's Prom hike. Inter school athletics. School musicals. "

Mark Easton
Class of 1998

"So many memories.....Warwick Irwin's PE. Ian Brockley and his school play productions Oklahoma Pippin Annie get your Gun, Ben Draper's Math's classes, Mrs Pillays Geography. Met some fantastic teachers and life long friends."

Brett Lewis
Class of 1984



Photos fresh from the Archives

Class Photograph – Year 7G 1989



YEAR 7G
ROW 3: James Carswell, Nick Faulkner, Ellie Dionysopoulos, Philippa Smith, Chris Charles, Luke Hatch
ROW 2: Daniel Scott, Ramon Wilkinson, Ben Williams, Jamie McCoy, Mark Eaton, Anthony Koumides
FRONT: Emma Mol, Penny Karahalios, Heidi-Anne Kubitz, Clarissa Baker, Jane Hill, Kristin Huon
TEACHER: Mr. A. Borya Absent: George Mikolakis, Andrew Mashiko



Original Staff 1964



Year 7 Camp 2005



School Grounds 1977



School Choir 1967



Year 12 Formal 2006



Giving Back

We have such a diverse range of talents and experiences amongst our alumni, and the students really benefit from your support, after all you share a common starting point at Mount Waverley Secondary College. If you can help in any of the following ways, please contact me:

- Act as a mentor to current students in person, by phone or email.
- Special days - Talk to students about what you've been up to since leaving.
- Providing work experience opportunities for current students.



Thank you to Mark Eaton (*HDME Lawyers Pty Ltd*) who was happy to be involved with this year's Year 10 Work Experience program.

"As a former Mt Waverley SC student myself (year 7 and 8 1989-90) I am happy to support students from the school".

Help Wanted – Archivist Volunteer

Is there an Archivist amongst our Alumni family?



Do you have a passion for history?

We would love the help of a volunteer with experience in this area to assist sorting and archiving the records of the past.

Help us preserve our collection and improve access for others.

Do you have cataloguing experience?

If this is you please email me.



Alumni events

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

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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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