

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Welcome

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

In this issue read about the next Reunions and take a trip down memory lane with school photos from the past.

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

If you have any updates or news to share or any suggestions as to what you'd like to see in future newsletters, please email me at alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au,

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Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student David Thom, class of 1993.

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

DAVID THOM

CLASS OF 1993



When David was young he wanted to be a political activist

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

After graduating from Mount Waverley in 1993 David enrolled into the Bachelor of Arts at Monash (Clayton) majoring in History. He became a bookseller and eventually managed a bookshop. He loved life in bookshops as this is an industry he is still passionate about. He planned to become a sales rep for a book distributor but ended up working in a book warehouse instead.

Not the career path he imagined so he threw himself into learning this new trade. In turn became a forklift driver, leading-hand, etc., and eventually ran warehousing and logistics across AU/NZ for a major bicycle distributor.

Along the way he had to train new staff and create training material. This segued into his current career - learning and development.

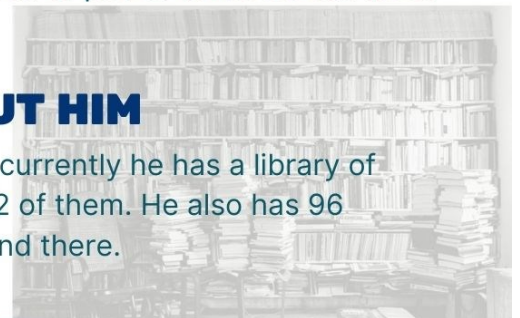
He has now written no less than three textbooks on warehousing and logistics for vocational training companies. He is adamant the Bachelor of Arts proved its worth in the long run. By far the most important and most rewarding job he has ever had was becoming a full-time Dad, spending just over two years at home with his daughter.

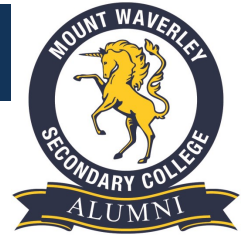
WHERE IS HE NOW?

David works as a Learning & Development Consultant in a major hardware distributor. He is creating learner resources and facilitating workplace training. He works in collaboration with the service technicians to write manuals and training in the repair of power tools. It's the most fun he has had in a job since ... well... ever.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

David became something of a collector. It started with books, currently he has a library of around 3,500 titles. Then it was fondue pots - there's about 32 of them. He also has 96 pairs of braces and then there are the 50 hats and it doesn't end there.





What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

*"Really enjoyed school camps!
And just being with my friends is
something I really liked doing!
Moreover school was a
momentous experience and have
learnt really great things! "*

Krishna Patel
Class of 2022

*"Bringing out good,
lifelong friendships, and
many (not all!) of the
teachers at the time!"*

Nicole Harvey
Class of 1990

*"School camp, over-
seas trip and meeting
great friends at school"*

Debbie Yong
Class of 1998

*"Camaraderie between the
student cohort and teaching staff.
Respectful communication and
engagement between peers and
teachers. The VET hospitality
program run by Gail Major at the
time"*

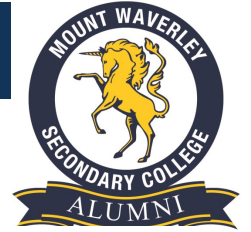
Dean Adams
Class of 2005

*"The best memories that I have about
Mount Waverley Secondary College are the
classes with Mr Alan Yeung and Mr Alan
Ritchie. Through their guidance I found my love
for design and manufacturing and
has lead me to where I am today"*

Jonathan Burne
Class of 2011

*"German
study tour"*

Emma Kelsall
Class of 2020



Photos fresh from the Archives



"Boys and Girls Together" School Production 1991



Year 12 Jackets 2020



Senior Activities 2006



Year 10 1990



Volleyball 2007



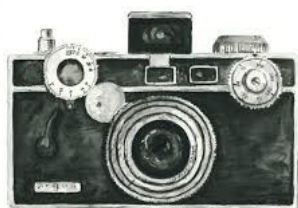
Swimming 2019



Photos fresh from the Archives



Unicorn Yearbook
Year 11 **1985**



School Life **1993**

Senior Activities **2009**



School Life **1990**

School Grounds **1982**



Class of '83 Reunion

There was a Class of '83 reunion at Valley Reserve on Sunday 29th October. It was a small affair so it was decided that there will a "Part 2" early in 2024.



Front row: Ken Jones, Malcolm McDonough, Kathy Jones (Waterhouse)
Back row: Russell Pynt, Campbell Martin, Carolyn Timberlake, Kerrie Hosken, Lisa Ellis, Anne Ryan



Front row: Diana Way, Carlyn Schmidt, Andrea Schwab, Janet Pearce, Meredith Wilkinson, Ann Ryan, Helen Coates, Dora Batzakis, Robyn Argus, Lynette Perkins, Meryn Edwards, Nicola Schmidt, Lisa Webley, Janeen Day, Claire Ferguson, Lisa Ellis, Elizabeth Sharp, Heather Last, Connie Antenucci
Second row: Tracey Hogg, Michelle Nicholls, Robyn Fergeus, Lisa Casamento, Lisa Webb, Nicolle Keesing, Nichole Muller, Naomi Lang, Penny Valtadoros, Nicola Bremmers, Katie Ward, Jane Wilkinson, Leanne Gough, Melissa Hunt, Helen Gulle, Lynne Bernaldo, Alison DuPlessis, Michelle Smith, Kerrie Hosken, Linda Nosko, Robyn Cornell, Kathy Waterhouse
Third row: Annette Izabelle, Mary Athanaileas, Rebecca Gottstein, Dante D'Alfonso, George Rais, Richard May, Richard Crighton, Anthony Botham, George Lathouras, Bill Gianoulas, Brian Chambers, Tim Kent, Oliver Schmidt, Michael Hill, Dennis Portelli, David Bock, Karl Corkhill, Darren Jenkins, Pat Langley, Stephen Munro, Rodney Gill, Justine Lees, Naomi Zouliou
Fourth row: Lynette Dowling, Belinda Bodsworth, David Heislars, Russell Pynt, Wan-Hin Chao, Andrew Dunn, David Morieson, Stuart Ainsley, Ian Hallett, Adrian Orloff, William Pulbrock, Linton Harriss, Stephen Wood, Craig Orgill, Paul Selleck, Stephen Newman, Paul Magias, Malcolm McDonough, Greg Williams, Janine Sandord, Lesley Wall, Carolyn Timberlake
Absent: Ken Jones, Hampar Delice, Stuart Rae



Class of 2022 Reunion



***Class of 2022,
we invite you to join together to
celebrate your 1 Year Reunion!***

This is the perfect opportunity to reunite with friends and share your experiences with your past teachers.

Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.

Don't miss your first MWSC Reunion event!
Click below for tickets.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKTPE>



CLASS OF 2022

1 YEAR REUNION!

**FRIDAY
1st DECEMBER 2023**



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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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