



MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Welcome

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

In this issue enjoy memories and photos from the past.

If any Alumni can assist with Work Experience placements for our Year 10 students during the week of 19th - 23rd June, please reach out.

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

Community. Choice. Engagement.

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Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Nick Ford, class of 2002.

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](#).

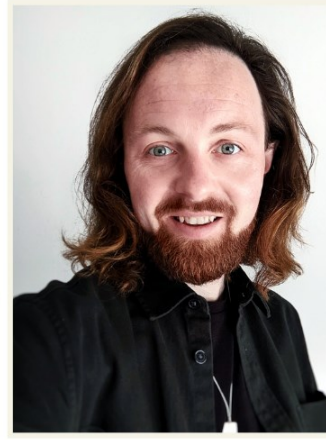
If you would like to nominate yourself or someone for a future Alumni Spotlight, I would love to hear from you.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

NICK FORD

CLASS OF 2002



When Nick was young he wanted to be a doctor. A dream set to come unexpectedly true when he completes his PhD studies.

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

After taking politics and economics subjects in his VCE, Nick continued with both fields at Monash University. Completing a double degree Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Commerce from 2003 to 2008. Nick took a semester off in 2007 ahead of his Honours year in 2008. That combination led him down a career path focused on economic policy. Toward the end of his Bachelor's studies, Nick did an internship at a Victorian Government Regulatory Agency and, after graduating landed an Economist position at Australia's Productivity Commission. He worked in government for ten years before deciding on a change of career direction. In 2018, he packed up his life and moved to Denmark, where he returned to University to study a Master's in Economics.

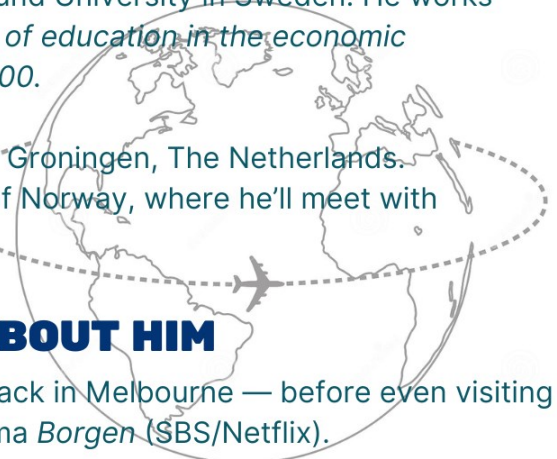
WHERE IS HE NOW?

Nick now lives in Copenhagen and is a PhD student at Lund University in Sweden. He works on Scandinavian economic history — *examining the role of education in the economic development of Denmark, Norway and Sweden since 1800.*

This month, he'll present his research at a conference in Groningen, The Netherlands. Afterwards, his travels will take him to the Arctic north of Norway, where he'll meet with colleagues at the University of Tromsø.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Nick speaks fluent Danish. He started learning Danish back in Melbourne — before even visiting the country — having been inspired by the political drama *Borgen* (SBS/Netflix).





Congratulations to our Alumni



Minuki De Silva
Class of 2021

Minuki is in her second year of the Bachelor of Science (Pharmacology) at Monash University. She has taken up the role of a 2023 Access Monash Mentor and is involved in assisting, supporting, and guiding VCE students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their journey to university. Minuki is also a Science Peer Mentor, mentoring first-year science students in their transition and progression in the first year.

We wish Minuki all the best in her studies.

College Memories

"The first class of covid, and singing our year level song "mr brightside" at the basketball courts"

Ashley Malhotra
Class of 2020

"Great music teachers and program. Great friends"

Simone Dougherty
Class of 1986

"My friends and Greek school play"

Joanne Stamatakis
Class of 1992

"The friends I made during my time there. Still close to some and even though I am out of state the relationships formed at school have lasted since. Also the strong passion for history and politics that I had at Mount have stayed with me and helped with current employment"

Nicholas Cole
Class of 2015

"Friendships, Maths & Science, Billy Cart derby, Fete's, inter school sport days, teachers.. too many to mention "

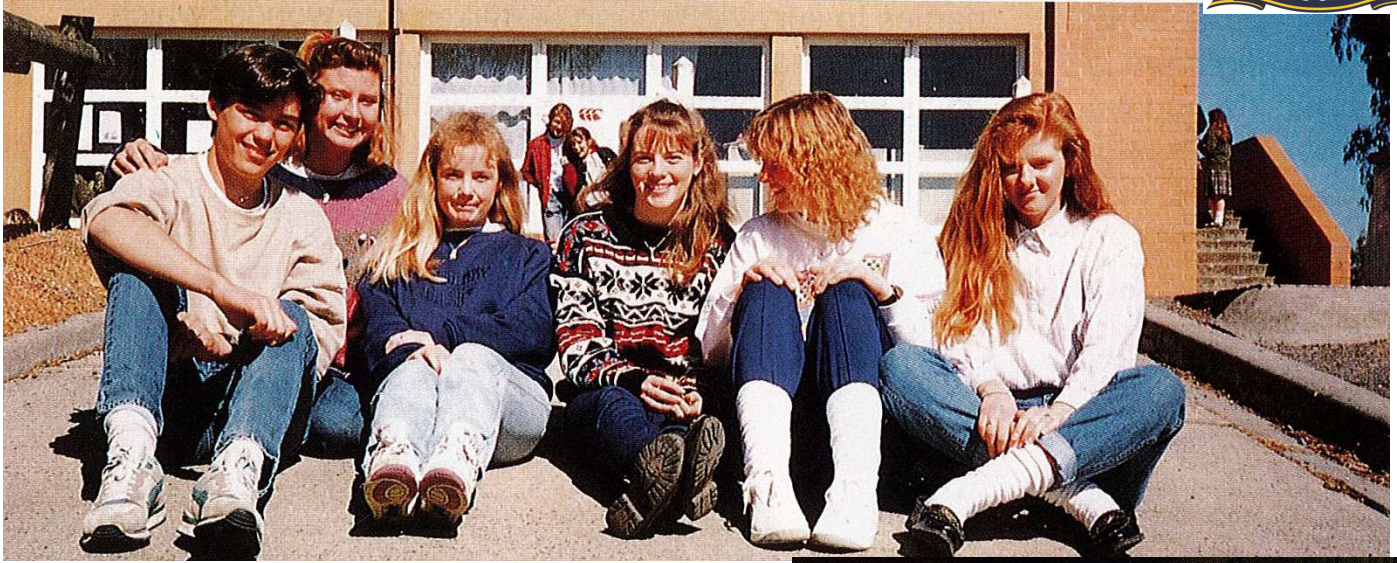
Stephen Dunn
Class of 1972

"Sports days and camps!"

Melissa Klamt
Class of 2005



Photos fresh from the Archives



School Life 1990



Year 12 1978



House Colours Day 2001



Senior Activities 2004

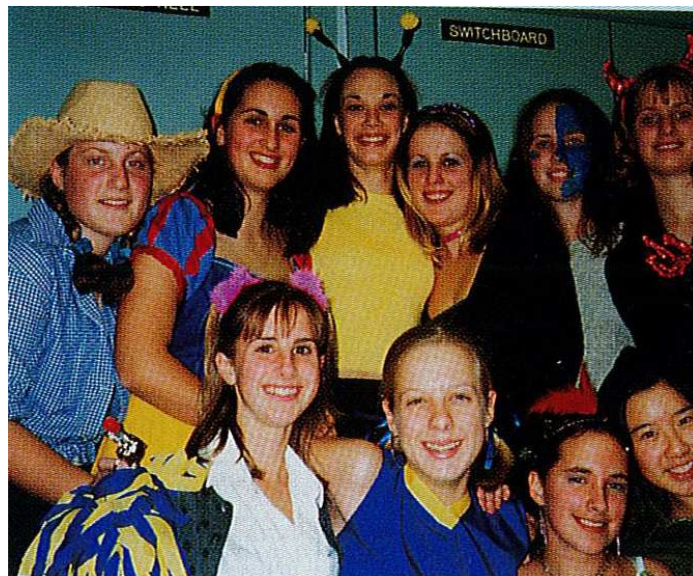


School Life 1983

Photos fresh from the Archives



School Life 1973



VCE Fancy Dress Ball 2001



Year 11 Fancy Dress 2013



Year 10 1990



Year 8 1985



Debating Team 2007

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
or phone 9803 6811.

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





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.



Year 12 muck up day - Mr Laird (Principal) was not impressed!

Class
of
'83



Year 12 Muck up day
Greg Williams &
Malcolm McDonough

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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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