

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

Alumni Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome

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

In this issue read full details of the Class of 2003 upcoming 20 year School Tour Reunion.

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

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

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Featured in this issue

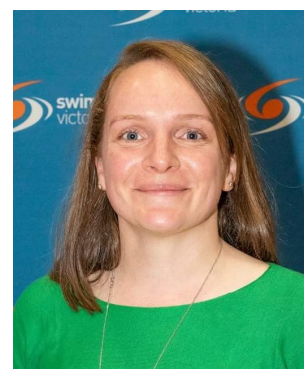
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Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Melissa Klamt, class of 2005.

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

MELISSA KLAMT

CLASS OF 2005



When Mel was young she wanted to be a policewoman!

You might best remember Mel from the school swimming, athletics or cross country teams, or perhaps various leadership teams including the year 12 Prefects, or as the recipient of the "all-rounder" award at the end of Year 12 assembly. Maybe you just simply know her as that student that always smelled like chlorine from all the hours she spent swimming training before school.

WHAT HAS SHE BEEN UP TO?

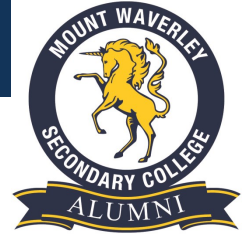
Mel started working as a swimming teacher during Year 12 and has since moved into coaching, currently working as the Head Junior Coach at the Nunawading Swimming Club, coaching state and national level athletes. During her time coaching, she has had the opportunity to attend international competitions with the Australian Deaf Swimming Team as Team Coach. Mel's also coaching some of MWSC's current students!

WHERE IS SHE NOW?

Mel is in her 17th year as a swim coach, where she enjoys assisting in the development of young people, the challenge and strategy of developing training programs, improving technique and speed. As well as coaching, Mel also works at Melbourne Water teaching students of all ages and community groups about all things water, including sharing her love of the platypus and water bugs. These two roles allow Mel to work across all her aquatic specialties.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HER

Mel completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) and PhD at Monash University. Mel was lucky enough to focus her research on an iconic Australian, investigating the impacts of land use and climate on the platypus. She is proud to have published her research in peer reviewed journals. She also developed a love for water bugs/aquatic macroinvertebrates after spending many hours collecting and identifying them under the microscope.



Congratulations to our Alumni



Sabastian Aurisano
Class of 2011

Sabastian enrolled into Swinburne University to study a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering. Since graduating he has worked with John Holland for over 4 years in various roles within their rail business. Sabastian volunteers in the community through a range of roles, including STEM Outreach via school and university visits.

We wish Sabastian all the best.



Johnson Leung
Class of 1994

Johnson graduate in 1994 and enrolled into a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) at RMIT, graduating in 2000. He is currently working as a draftsman at Wirrawonga, an engineering consulting firm in Blackburn, Victoria.

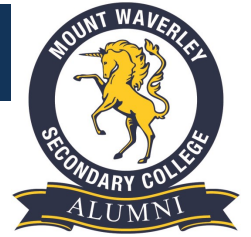
We wish Johnson all the best.



Chantelle Cayzer
Class of 2014

Chantelle found a passion for the outdoors after leaving school in 2014. She completed a Bachelor of Sports Management and a Bachelor of Outdoor Leadership at Victoria University, which lead her to the Outdoor Education Group where she currently works as a Program Coordinator.

We wish Chantelle all the best.



What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

"I joined MWSC after moving to Australia from South Africa in my final year of school. My best memory is the welcoming nature of the students when I arrived. I'm still friends with several of them today"

**Lynette Pretorius
Class of 2002**

"Doing everything but studying during year 12 physics"

**Ryan Verma
Class of 2019**

"Mr Wegner best teacher, friends are family"

**Rosie Ghasperidis
Class of 2001**

"Great friendship base made the classes tolerable! We had some great teachers, but a few where, we still reminisce over their 'dodgy' practices!"

**Lynne McGill
Class of 1975**

"Being the Foundation Year we were the top level for our 5 years before having to attend Glen Waverley High School in 1969 for Year 12 Matriculation. Days in the Prefects' Room under the southern building. Having to participate in all the inter school sports because less than 80 students in our level. Not knowing Graham Strachan could sing. Music was more about Jeff Burstin and Ian Couch. No oval at the start so walked a kilometre through an apple orchard to get to play footy for sport. The poor farmer lost a lot of apples. So many small memories.

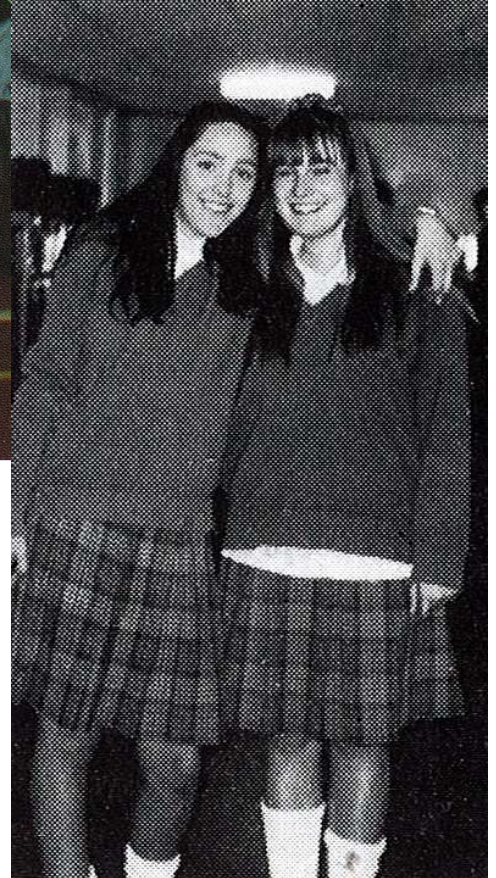
**Rob Woolley
Class of 1964**



Photos fresh from the Archives



School Life 1992



Year 9 1990



Swimming Carnival 2003



Year 7 1985



Year 10 Gala 2018



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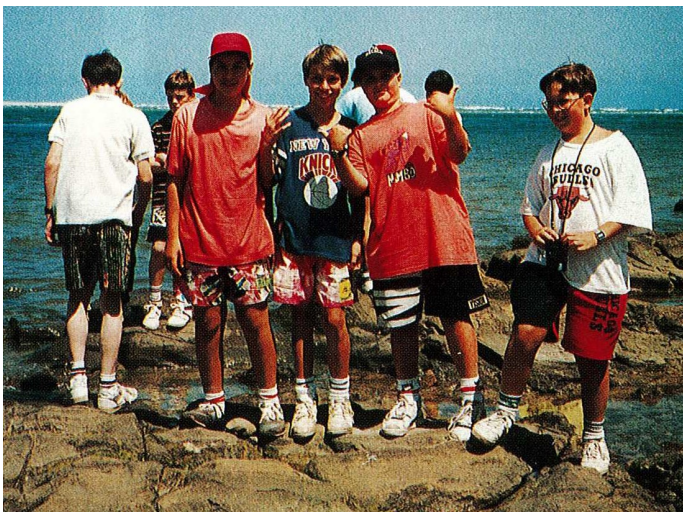
School Life **1978**



Presentation Night **2019**



Year 12 **2009**



School Life **1991**



School Life **1983**

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



Alumni School Reunion Tour

Class of 2003

Friday 26th May

Don't miss out! Click below for tickets.

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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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