

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

Alumni Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome

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

Mount Waverley Secondary College is looking for an Alumni to do some filming and editing for several upcoming projects. This will be paid work. Read the full details in this newsletter.

There is another high school reunion happening. Class of 2010 (plus 2 COVID years) is having a 10 year reunion, read the full details in this newsletter.

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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Featured in this issue

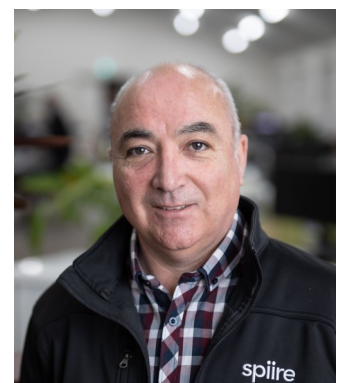
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Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Colin Elliott, class of 1982.

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

COLIN ELLIOTT

CLASS OF 1982



When Colin was young he wanted to be a Carpenter or a professional racing car driver!

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

After completing his studies in 1982, Colin started work as a Trainee Civil Engineer with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (SECV) in their Geomechanics laboratory. He completed his Certificate of Technology (Civil Engineering) in 1986. In 1988 Colin switched career paths and studied a Bachelor of Applied Science in Geology (RMIT) part time. In 1990 the SECV was privatised. Colin took a voluntary redundancy package and went back to full time study to complete this Degree. Once qualified as a Geologist Colin began working in the Gippsland coal industry as an Engineering Geologist.

In 1996 he moved back to Melbourne working on contamination remediation projects in all parts of Australia and New Zealand for GHD Pty Ltd. During this time, he became an Environmental Auditor (QSA) and completed a Master's Degree in Engineering (Project Management) at RMIT.

In 2005, he accepted a transfer as the Manager of Albury Wodonga Branch.

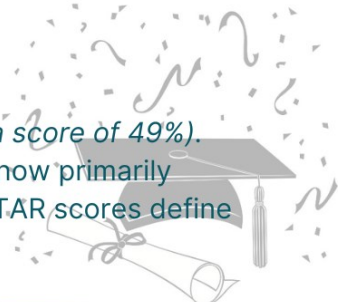
This two-year contract lasted 12 years. During this time, he graduated as a Company Director from the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Since then, he has held numerous board positions in both the Private and Not-for-Profit sector, including several State and Federal Government Ministerial appointments.

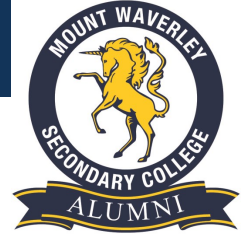
WHERE IS HE NOW?

In 2017 he was appointed to the role of Principal for Property and Infrastructure Advisory at Spiire Australia P/L; where he works in the field of property development consulting; managing a large team of surveyors and engineers.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Colin didn't obtain his Higher School Certificate in 1982 (*failed English with a score of 49%*). However, during his career he has accrued three tertiary qualifications and now primarily writes reports for a living. Colin is proof that you should not let things like ATAR scores define your potential.





Congratulations to our Alumni



Allan Tan
Class of 2017

Alan completed his Honours in Project Management at RMIT in 2021 and has worked across multiple areas of the Victorian Government including Department of Transport in the Rolling Stock Development division, and Department of Health at the Victorian Health Building Authority.
We wish Allan all the best.



Chana is currently studying a double degree, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Science at Monash University. Her goal is to become a secondary school teacher in those two subjects.
We wish Chana all the best with her studies.



Chana Walsh
Class of 2019



Shubham Goel
Class of 2015

Shubham started a double degree, Bachelor of Commerce and Information Systems at Deakin University. He has now done a complete about-face and changed into studying a Masters of Social Work at Monash University. He is interested in youth mental health and is very keen to help teenagers in high school who are doing it tough.
We wish Shubham all the best with his studies.



What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

"Hanging out with friends during recess and lunchtime"

Laura Chauca
Class of 2019

"Fun camps and great friends"

Samantha Chapman
(nee Scoble)
Class of 2004

"SRC and the beautiful music building we got to enjoy"

Cathy Cassar (Tsiros)
Class of 1994

"Sitting by the basketball courts"

Ruth Bunby
Class of 1996

"Year 10 gala, year 11 fancy dress, year 12 formal, dress up on athletics day, attending productions, Japan study tour, contributing to leadership team projects, inter-school sports days, spending time with friends every day and getting to know and being guided by my favourite teachers in subjects I enjoy"

Heather McGown
Class of 2019



Photos fresh from the Archives



Fashion 1990



Form 5B 1976



House Colours Day 2001



School Dance 1984

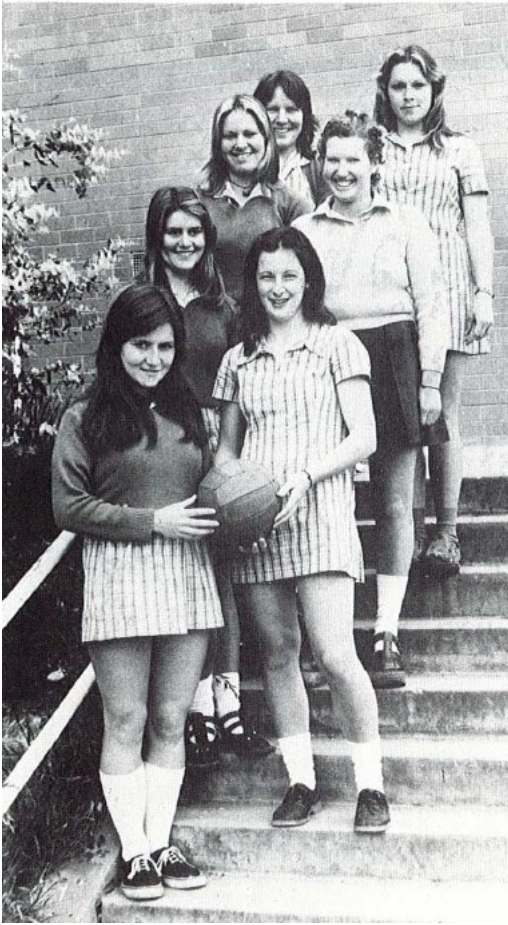


School Life 1991



Year 12 1984

Photos fresh from the Archives



Netball Team 1974



Octetata having fun 2009



VCE Activities 2003



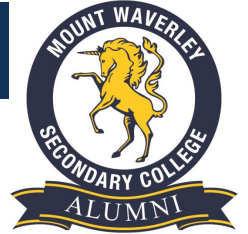
*School
Memories*



Debating Team 2012



School Production "Fool and A Half" 1988



Help Wanted – Filmmaker

Is there any Filmmakers amongst our Alumni family?



We are seeking an Alumni who may be studying Media (or similar) to do some filming and editing on several upcoming projects. Whether you are fresh out of University, still completing your degree or have been working for a while, we would like to speak to you.

A great opportunity for field experience awaits you. This is paid position.

If you are interested or have any further questions, please contact Mr Matt Sheehan, Campus Principal - Junior School on 9887 9290 or email she@mwsc.vic.edu.au.

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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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Alumni events



Class of 2010 10 Year Reunion



After a slight pandemic-inspired delay, the MWSC Class of 2010 is planning their 10 (plus 2) year reunion.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite. Click below for tickets.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Date: Friday 11 November

Time: 6.30pm to 11.30pm

Venue: One of Nine, Richmond (likely, TBC at 100 ticket sales)

Join the Class of 2010 Facebook group here for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2792076787561096>

*This event is organised by
Ben McNally and Co. (Class of 2010)*

Alumni events



When was the last time you saw your school friends from the early 1980s?
“Last week?” “Last year?” “Last decade?”
Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect.
Click below for tickets.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

*This event is organised by
Colin Elliott and John Cooney (Class of 82)*

