

**MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE**

# Alumni Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome

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

In this issue read about our next School Reunion Tour, take a trip down memory lane with the school song and photos from the past, plus view the photos from the Class of 2003 School Reunion Tour.

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](mailto:alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au),

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## Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Sabastian Aurisano, class of 2011.

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

# SABASTIAN AURISANO

CLASS OF 2011



*When Sabastian was young he wanted to be an entrepreneur.*

## WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

Sabastian enrolled into a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering in 2012 at Swinburne University. He volunteered during his studies and in between graduating from University. His first role was at John Holland as a Graduate Engineer. There he worked for over 4 years in various roles within their rail business.

## WHERE IS HE NOW?

Since finishing his Graduate Program, Sabastian was a Rolling Stock Engineer for 18 months and is now currently working as the Knowledge Management Systems Engineer.

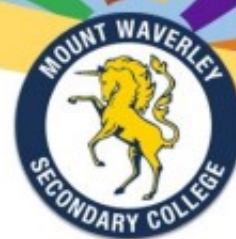
## SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Sabastian has been a volunteer at Bay Steamers Maritime Museum since March 2018 and he was elected to their board in November 2022. The Museum is restoring a steam-powered tug boat called the "Wattle". He is also on the Young Transport Professionals committee and was elected to the Engineers Australia: Young Engineers Australia - Victorian branch committee.





## The school song is back



Pursuing high achievement,  
for excellence we strive,  
Mount Waverley, Mount Waverley,  
Forever may you thrive

### CHORUS

Mount Waverley, Mount Waverley,  
Your praise we proudly sing,  
We learn to live and, live to learn  
Knowledge conquers everything

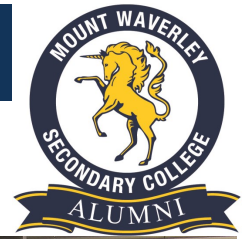
In sport we aim to be the best,  
our reputations strong,  
Mount Waverley, our victories,  
we celebrate in song

### CHORUS

The Phoenix and the Unicorn  
Rose up from out the flames,  
Mount Waverley, Mount Waverley  
Your're flying high again

### CHORUS x2

## MWSC School Song



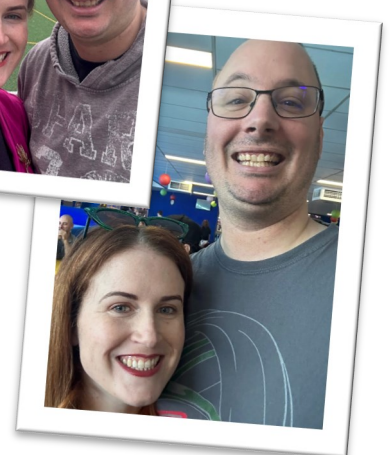
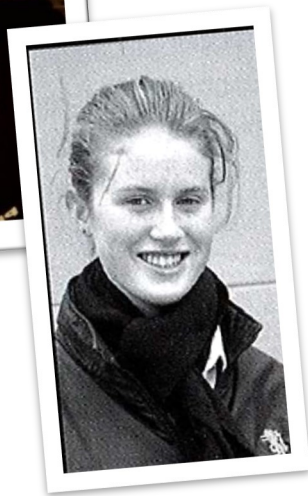
## School Reunion Tour - Class of 2003

After completing VCE Michelle enrolled into a Bachelor of Nursing degree at Deakin University. As a graduate nurse in 2007 began working at Monash Health. Michelle then completed a Masters of Nursing (Intensive Care) and then a Masters of Business Administration. In 2020 Michelle was transferred to Casey Hospital to aide the commissioning of the new Intensive Care Unit to assist with the COVID Pandemic. Michelle continued working as a frontline nurse, then transitioned to leading the COVID vaccination program for the South East Melbourne. Michelle is now Director of Clinical Operations. She married her high school sweetheart Ryan Silwinski and they have 2 beautiful children, a 10 year old daughter and a 6 year old son.



**Michelle Sliwinski**

THEN & NOW



**Coral Hassett**

Coral enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts with a double major Politics and Policy Studies and Philosophy at Deakin University after leaving high school. Upon completion of her degree she landed a role in Victorian Legal Aid before moving around in various roles. Coral return to school to complete her Dip Ed to become a teacher. She teaches VCE Sociology, Humanities, VCAL. She has also written material for the VCAA for the new study design coming out next year. Coral is current on maternity leave. A beautiful little boy.

*"Thank you for welcoming us back, it was interesting to see the changes and new buildings, but also the parts that still look and feel the same after all this time".*



# School Reunion Tour - Class of 2003





## What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

*"I was involved in the school band and loved the opportunities to perform playing flute and percussion. "*

**Anna Findlay**  
**Class of 1988**

*"The social life with all my school friends around is something I certainly miss the most"*

**Anthony Cafiso**  
**Class of 2019**

*"Sports, camps, cooking in history classes, skiing. "*

**Jackie Mathews**  
**Class of 1984**

*"Year 12 class was fun! Some great teachers - especially PE. A really supportive school & good memories. School productions of 'Oklahoma' & 'Pippin' were a highlight too"*

**Allison Carr**  
**Class of 1981**

*"Loved French with Monsieur Edouard (I know many didn't 😊) hockey team, Mrs Harlock for maths, Mr Benjamin was so interesting with Biology. Mostly, though, it was the friendships, many of which remain strong today"*

**Michelle Gill-Hughes**  
**Class of 1977**

*"Friends"*

**Samuel Press**  
**Class of 2018**



# Photos fresh from the Archives



Year 7 **1985**



Science Week - Junior Campus **2006**



Backstage Crew "Fiddler on the Roof" **2001**



Year 9 Aspire **2017**



Year 9 **1990**



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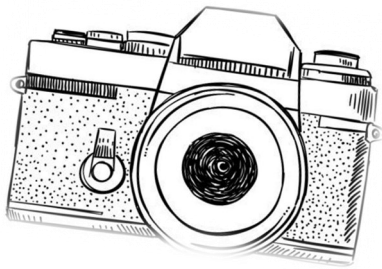
School Life 1978



Senior School Life 2007



Fancy Dress 2014



Debating Team 1991





## Alumni events



# LET' S CELEBRATE SCHOOL TOUR REUNIONS

This is a great opportunity to come back and visit your old school. There will be a school tour of the Senior Campus followed by light refreshments.

Take the chance to come and see how things have changed since you were last at school. Meet up with old school friends and teachers.

If you have family or friends who went to Mount Waverley in 2013, please pass on the exciting news.

***Class of 2013***  
***Friday 11th August***  
***10am***

**Bookings essential.**

***Don't miss out! Click below for tickets.***  
***<https://www.trybooking.com/CJDBW>***



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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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