



**MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE**

# Alumni Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome

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

In this issue read about our next School Tour Reunion, a big thank you to the Alumni that supported our Work Experience Program and take a trip down memory lane with 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](mailto:alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au),

## Community. Choice. Engagement.

### Featured in this issue

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## Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Omar DeSilva, class of 2006.

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

# OMAR DE SILVA

## CLASS OF 2006



*When Omar was young he wanted to be a cricketer for Australia.*

## WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

Omar graduated from Mount Waverley Secondary College in 2006. After finishing school, it took Omar a few years to figure himself out. He started his first business running golf days whilst working at a golf shop in 2007 but didn't make much progress on any front. He made it to Swinburne University in 2009 to study Entrepreneurship and used that to help him build a promotional merchandise business. That business group continued to grow and eventually laid the foundations for his career since then. He fell into education by accident when he was asked to be a lecturer at RMIT University and he's loved the industry ever since.

## WHERE IS HE NOW?

Omar has been self-employed for last 13 years. He employs 150+ individuals across a handful of organisations and has raised \$20M+ for his education scale-up, FourthRev.

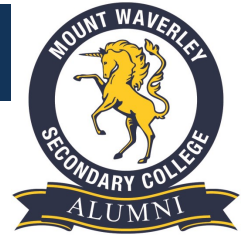
In recent years he has worked closely on men's mental health.

Omar also Chairs Little Big Steps. A kid's cancer charity providing kids with cancer the resources needed to get them moving during and after cancer treatment.

## SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Omar was once hunted down by a fighter jet in the middle of nowhere in Sri Lanka whilst on holiday with his family.





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

*"I always loved the productions - such a good sense of community and way of getting to know teachers and students alike"*

**Erin Washington**  
Class of 2014

*"Being carried around by my friends after coming back from hospital"*

**Liam Hazel**  
Class of 2017

*"Best memories was towards the end of Year 12, where I have made life long friends and enjoyed the last few months and days of High School. "*

**Aliyah Gino**  
Class of 2019

*"My best memories are that of spending time with my colleagues and teachers, the culture on campus was one of the best things"*

**Tohiora Kuru**  
Class of 2013

*"One of my fondest memories is going away on camp to Sovereign Hill. Can't forget the two weeks of Work Experience and the Greek theatre I took part in, in year 11. Great school, Great memories. Share many of my experiences with my students. I'd like to add that I still have my school uniform from year twelve with all the signatures. Amazing times! "*

**Joanne Stamatakis**  
Class of 1992

*"Walking to school with friends!"*

**Shien Li Kuah**  
Class of 1994



# Photos fresh from the Archives



Year 9 1985



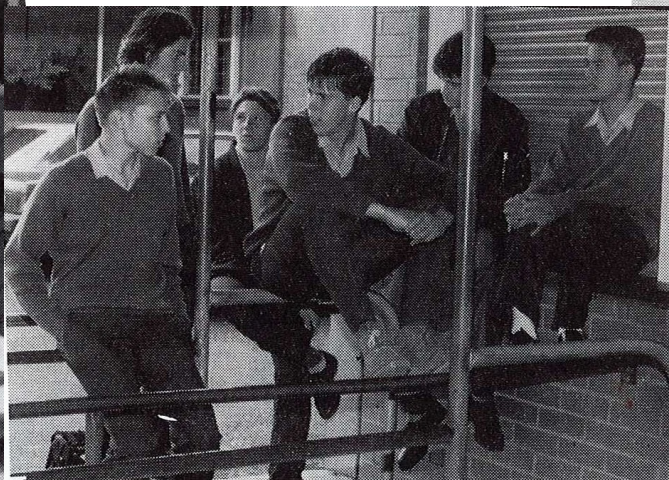
Vale Year 12 2000



Seniors poolside 2006

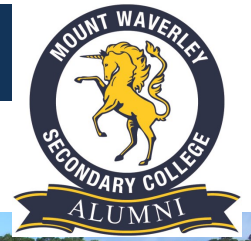


School Life 1993



Year 10 1990





# Photos fresh from the Archives



School Life **1978**



Year 11 Camp **2006**



Year 12 **2003**



Softball Team **1965**



School Production "Addams Family" **2019**



## 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>***



## Giving Back - THANK YOU!

We have such a diverse range of talents and experiences amongst our alumni, and the students really benefit from your support, and they listen because you share a common starting point at Mount Waverley Secondary College.

**A big thank you to our Alumni for once again supporting our Work Experience Program.**



**Mark Eaton**  
*(HDME Lawyers Pty Ltd)*  
**Class of 1990**



**Tanisha Aziz**  
*(Bunnings)*  
**Class of 2019**



**Isabella Germano**  
*(Insight Early Learning)*  
**Class of 2016**



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Click the button below to register your details and keep in touch.



## 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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