



**MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE**

# Alumni Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome

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

In this issue read about our Alumni giving back to our school events, the next School Reunions, "save the date" and take a trip down memory lane with school 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),

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### Featured in this issue

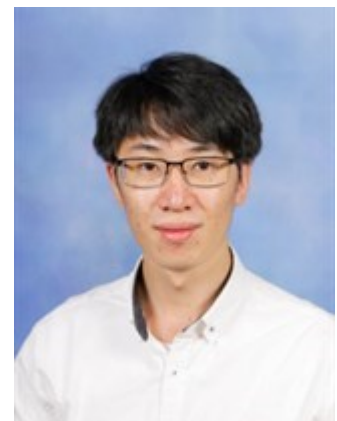
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## Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Kelvin Nguyen, class of 2018.

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](#).

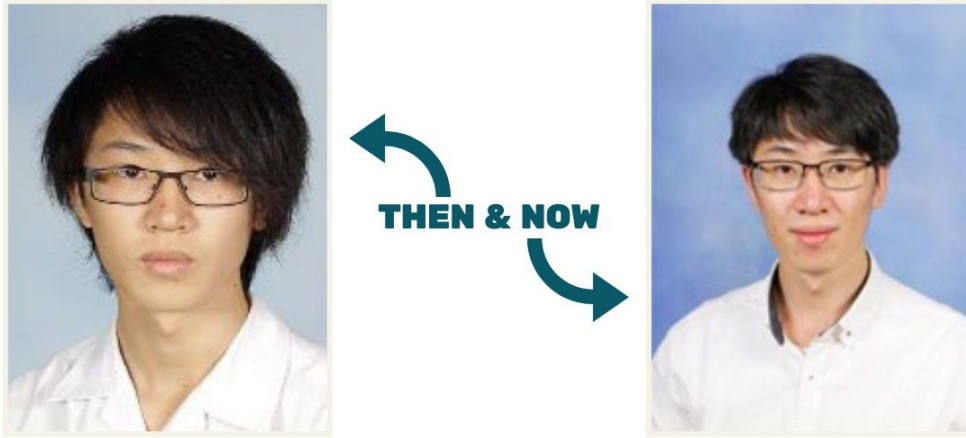
If you would like to nominate yourself or someone for a future Alumni Spotlight, I would love to hear from you.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# KELVIN NGUYEN

## CLASS OF 2018



*When Kelvin was young he wanted to be a builder or an engineer*

### WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

Since graduating in 2018 from Mount Waverley Secondary College Kelvin completed a 4 year double degree, Bachelor of Secondary Education and Bachelor of Science at Monash University.

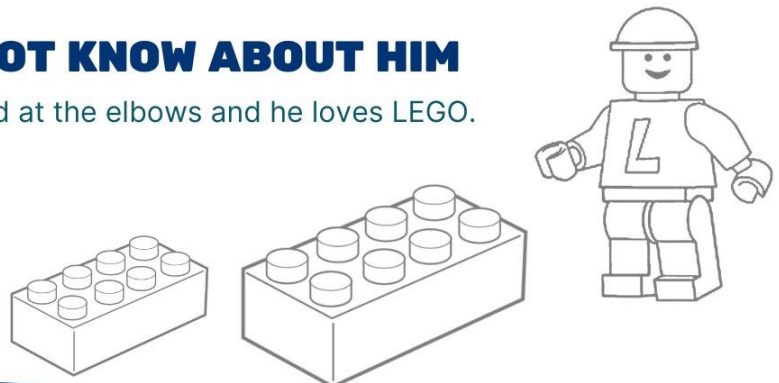
Outside of his tertiary studies he worked as a tutor, piano teacher and support worker. He found this work to be satisfying and uniquely challenging, especially during the lockdown years.

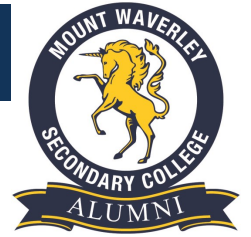
### WHERE IS HE NOW?

Kelvin is now working as a Science Teacher, teaching Years 9 - 11, here at Mount Waverley Secondary College senior campus. Welcome back!

### SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Kelvin's arms are slightly double jointed at the elbows and he loves LEGO.





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

*"The friendship groups I formed and the teachers that I connected with and fondly remember."*

**Dianne Earle**  
Class of 1984

*"Heaps of things being able to sneak off home for morning tea and lunch, I lived across the road"*

**Sonja Coumvoulidis**  
Class of 2010

*"Literature classes with Mrs Peterson, German classes with Frau Reed"*

**Helen Reid**  
Class of 1994

*"Playing cricket with Dean Jones as opening fast bowlers"*

**Doug Willersdorf**  
Class of 1978

*"My best memory would be the last time the class of 2021 together at Formal. Although it was postponed three times prior, the teachers and students worked extremely hard for an amazing send off for our cohort. The music, food and being together as a cohort made this the best memory at Mount Waverley Secondary College."*

**Thidas Gammanpila**  
Class of 2021

*"End of year activities"*

**Melody Chong**  
Class of 2009



## Giving Back

A big thank you to our Alumni, **Melissa Klamt** (Class of 2005) and **Sabastian Aurisano** (Class of 2011). They recently came back to MWSC to present to the Year 10's in Wellbeing/Careers Day. We heard about their challenges, career pathways and journey since leaving Mount Waverley Secondary College. We hope the students can learn from their life experiences.



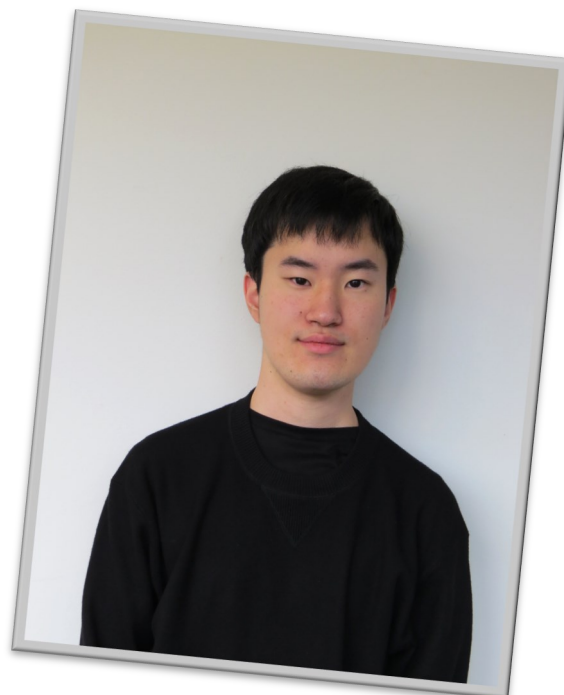


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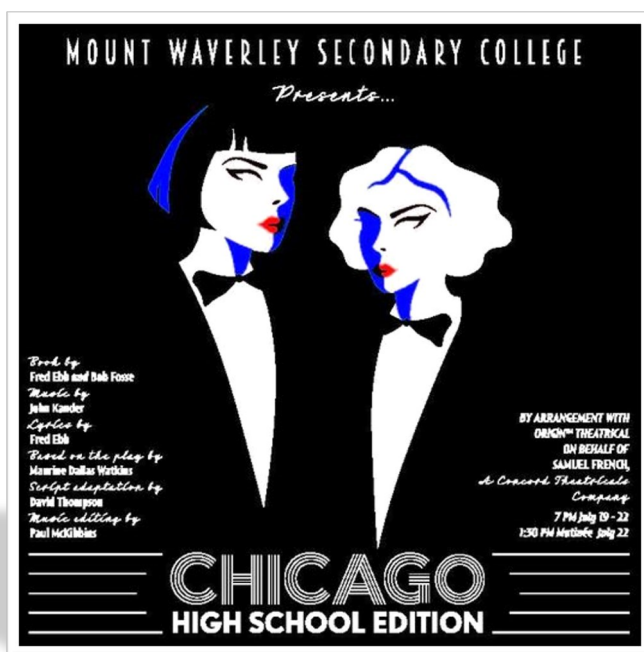
A big thank you to our Alumni, **Kyra Hatzkosmidis** and **Martin Jung** (Class of 2022). They recently came back to assist with the MWSC college production "Chicago" which was held at our Unicorn Theatre. Kyra was the Assistant Director and Martin was the Music Assistant. Together they have volunteered many hours to rehearsals.



Kyra is in her first year of a double degree, Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts (Politics) at Monash University. We wish Kyra all the best in her studies.



Martin is studying Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Deakin University. Martin is also working as a Youth Ambassador for REACH OUT. We wish Martin all the best in his studies.





## Help Wanted

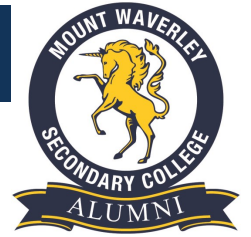
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK®  
#CBCA2023

READ  
GROW  
Inspire

19 to 25 AUGUST

Are you an MWSC Alumnus in the fields of **Media, Communications** or **Science** who has a love for reading?

We are having a Book Week celebration at the Junior Campus, celebrating this year's theme of 'Read, Grow, Inspire' and we would love you to come and visit to share your experiences of reading and growing, in the hope of inspiring our current Year 7s and 8s.

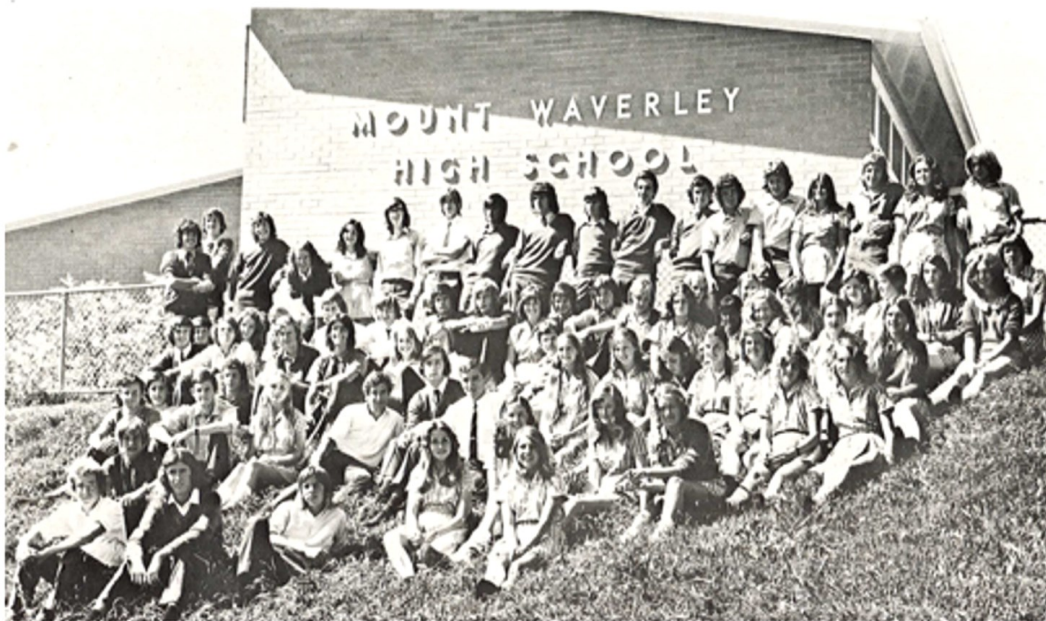


## Save the date

SAVE THE DATE

50  
*years*

**Class of 1973 Reunion**  
**18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



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## Class Reunion - 2013



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

Unfortunately the Class of 2013 School Tour Reunion did not go ahead on the scheduled date.

**Great news** we have a new date!

**Class of 2013**  
**Friday 8th September**  
**10am**

**Bookings essential.**

***Don't miss out! Click below for tickets.***

**<https://www.trybooking.com/CKTPZ>**







## Class Reunion - 2022



***Class of 2022,  
we invite you to join together to  
celebrate your 1 Year Reunion!***

This is the perfect opportunity to reunite with friends and share your experiences with your past teachers.

Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.

Don't miss your first MWSC Reunion event!  
Click below for tickets.

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# CLASS OF 2022

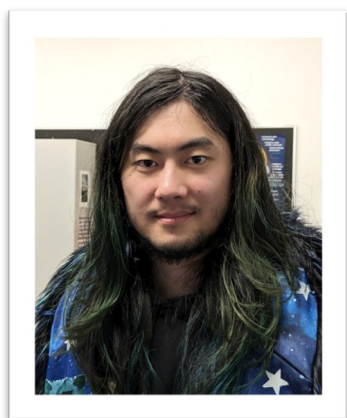
# 1 YEAR REUNION!

**FRIDAY  
1st DECEMBER 2023**



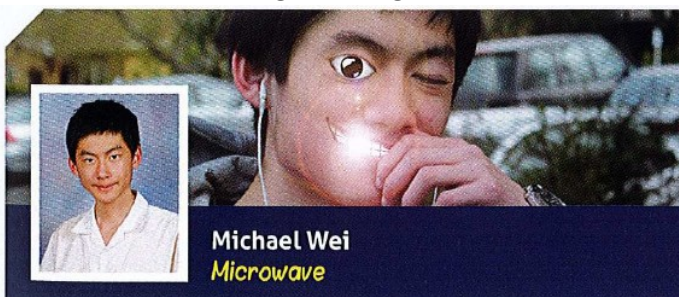
# Class of 2013

I had the pleasure to meet Michael and Kevin last Friday. Thanks for the catch up!



## Michael Wei

Michael completed a double degree Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) and Bachelor of Commerce (Actuarial Studies) at Monash University. He has been employed in a Fortune 500 company as a Technical consultant since leaving University. We wish Michael all the best and look forward to meeting him again soon.



### Best memory at MWSC

Definitely the Phillip Island camp in Year 11 - playing computer game tournaments on a laptop and watching movies: FOR THE WIN.

### Me in 10 years

Wishful thinking: Living in Japan with a new family while being a famous game designer, or maybe actor.

### Famous last words

There's no point in being a genius if you have no friends to brag about your knowledge with :-). (P.S. Specialist is easy; be my friend!)



## Kevin Lin

Kevin completed a Certificate IV in Disability at Box Hill Institute. He did his placement at Waverley Industries and Scope. He is now working as support worker for Flexi Support. We wish Kevin all the best and look forward to meeting him again soon.



### Best memory at MWSC

guardian angels, and anime club

### Me in 10 years

SOCIAL WORK

### Famous last words

I did what I did for the country



# Photos fresh from the Archives



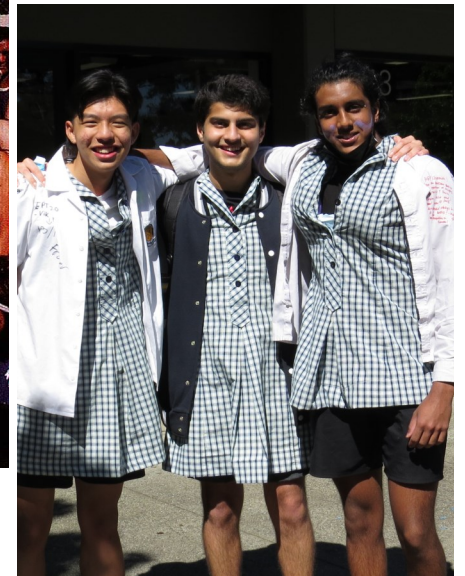
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Year 7 Camp 2015



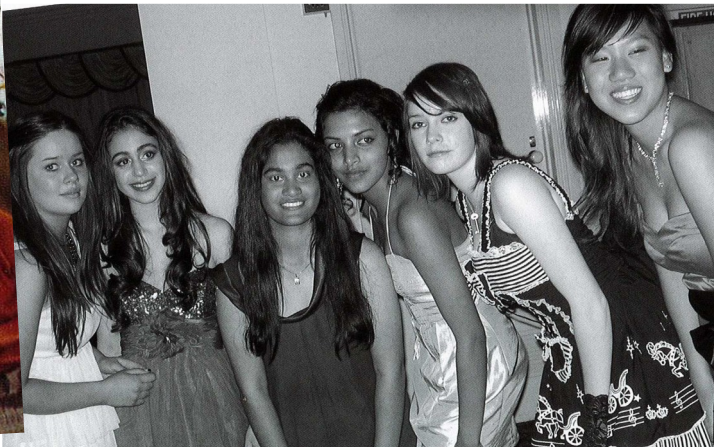
Senior Activities 2007



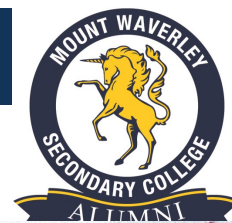
Year 12 2021



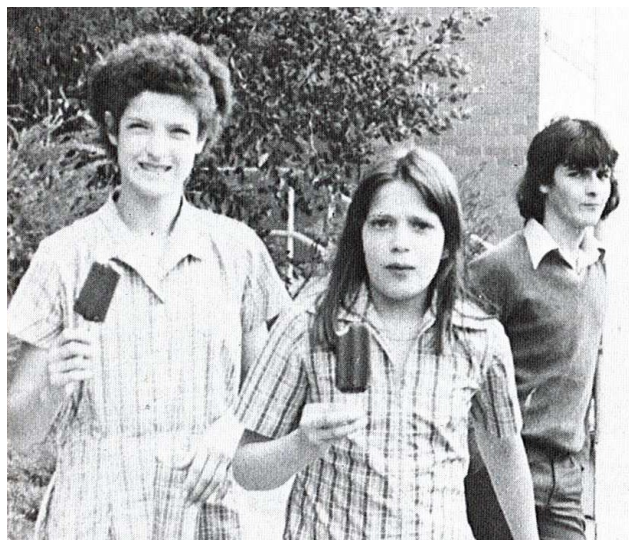
School Life 1993



Year 10 Prom 2009



# Photos fresh from the Archives



School Life 1978



School Life 1994



Celebration Day 2021



School Life 1990



School Production 1983



Year 11 Fancy Dress 2003



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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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