

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Welcome

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

In this issue read about the next 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,

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Alumni of the Month

This month's Alumni Spotlight is on our former student Tohiora James Kuru, class of 2013.

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

TOHIORA JAMES KURU

CLASS OF 2013



When Tohi was young he wanted to be an Entrepreneur

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

Tohiora (Tohi) graduated from Mount Waverley Secondary College in 2013 as one of the Year 12 Prefects and recipient of the Future Principal Award. Tohi went on to study Entrepreneurship and Business Management at Swinburne University. Tohi developed his leadership skills in various retail and hospitality businesses, even opening an ice cream shop at one point! Following a massive change in 2018, Tohi became a volunteer member of the Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) where he gained confidence and skills. Tohi supported the Victorian community during the Covid-19 Pandemic, leading the response with the Department of Health at Melbourne Tullamarine Airport and ensuring domestic travel could continue in line with travel restrictions.

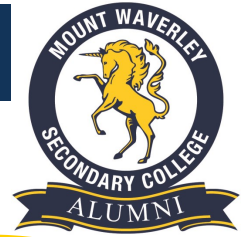
WHERE IS HE NOW?

Tohi currently works for the Commission for Children and Young People here in Victoria. His role focuses on ensuring organisations that work with children have the appropriate policies and procedures in place to reduce the risk and respond to vulnerable children. Tohi continues to volunteer his time with SES, holding a Training Officer position for his local unit.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

While studying at Mount Waverley Secondary College, Tohi spent up to 2 hours travelling to and from school every day while working a part-time job 6 days a week to support his family. He chose to stay at Mount Waverley because of his friends and the incredible teaching staff, who role-modelled important values and behaviours.





What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

"1976-1981 - all High School years. Especially loved Years 7&8 Japanese"

Michelle Dugdale (was Lomer)
Class of 1981

"Friends and teachers we met and become the treasure of my life"

Tingxuan Zhao
Class of 2017

"School musicals, band/ensembles, extracurricular activities, friendships that have lasted"

Freyja Saunderson
Class of 2008

"Starting at the first year at Mt Waverley after first year at GW High"

David Maple
Class of 1969

"Hanging out at lunchtime with my friends because we were all in different classes and then we'd all come together at lunchtime and hangout"

Melinda Kirton
Class of 1999

"Year 11 Celebrate Event was a memorable night. I loved singing and dancing with my friends. It was an amazing and fun night, filled with lots of laughter. I also loved the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh end of year camp. It was challenging to complete all 5 days on the Murray River. But it was an unforgettable experience"

Jessica Rowland
Class of 2022

Giving Back



A big thank you to Alannah Gibson, Class of 2022, who participated in the VCE Expectations Panel discussion for the Year 10's which was facilitated by the Year 12 Student Wellbeing Captains. Alannah shared her perspective of subject selections and her VCE years. Look out for Alannah as a spotlight in future issues of this newsletter.





Photos fresh from the Archives



Unicorn Yearbook Pages 1978



Seniors poolside 2006



Art Excursion 2015



Senior Boys Soccer 1991



Photos fresh from the Archives



Year 7 1990



Leaders 2019



School Life 1993



School Life 1983



Swimming 2019



Year 12 2003



Save the date

SAVE THE DATE

50
years

Class of 1973 Reunion
18th November 2023



Organiser: Lea Norris (nee Porter)
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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.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKTPE>



CLASS OF 2022

1 YEAR REUNION!

**FRIDAY
1st DECEMBER 2023**



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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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