



MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

60 Years Anniversary Celebration

September 2024

Welcome

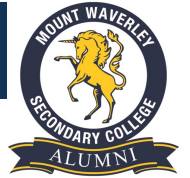
Welcome to this special edition of the Mount Waverley Secondary College Alumni Newsletter.

The 60th anniversary of the school was a nostalgic celebration that brought together alumni from various graduating years to reminisce and reflect on their time at the school. The event featured displays of old photographs, trophies and memorabilia showcasing the school's rich history and capturing cherished memories from past decades. Alumni were seen gathering around the photo displays, sharing stories, and reconnecting with former classmates and teachers. The atmosphere was one of warmth and camaraderie, as the photos brought back memories of special milestones and experiences that shaped their lives. It was a memorable event celebrating the school's legacy and the ongoing sense of community.

Community. Choice. Engagement.



If you have any updates or news to share or any suggestions as to what you would like to see in future newsletters, please email me at alumni@mwsc.vic.edu.au.



Meet our past College Captains



Since graduating high school, Jocelyn has continued to pursue her passion for human medicine and care by enrolling in a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at Monash University. She aims to further her studies with a postgraduate degree in Dentistry or Medicine, deepening her commitment to the field of healthcare. We wish her all the best with her studies!

**2023 College Captain
Jocelyn Seager**



**2016 College Captains
Liz Chiem and
Chester Ngan**

It was great to reconnect with our 2016 College Captains. Liz completed a Bachelor of Science at Monash University and now works in the pharmaceutical industry. Chester studied a double degree, Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Arts (Journalism major) at Monash University. He pursued a career in journalism and is now working as Chief of Staff and News Reporter at 9NEWS Melbourne.



Congratulations to you both on your accomplishments!

"Thanks for the invite to last week's celebrations, it was a lovely event" - Chester.



Meet our past College Captains

Our 2019 College Captains have been very busy. Demitri is in his penultimate year of a Bachelor of Laws (Honors) and Bachelor of Commerce at Monash University. He is working part time as a Law Clerk at the Department of Education. Laura graduated from Monash University this past year with a double degree in Commerce and Information Technology (majoring in Accounting and Software Development). While studying, Laura had the opportunity to work at NAB and Suncorp as part of their IT internship programs. She is working as a Solution Architect at CSIRO, as part of CSIRO graduate program.



Well done to you both on your achievements!

"The 60th celebration was lovely, so glad I got to attend!" - Laura



**2019 College Captains
Laura Chauca Diaz and
Demitri Kaminis**





Time capsule with our 1994 College Captains

The 1994 College captains Callie and Tim returned to the College to unveil a time capsule that they had sealed 30 years ago. It was fascinating to discover the treasures preserved within it.



**1994 College Captains
Callie Fry (Patrick) and Tim Brown**



"Thanks for an interesting and affirming afternoon last week. It was a privilege to be part of the celebrations" - Tim

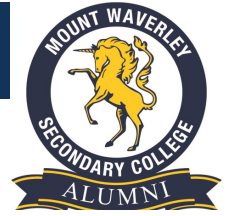
Callie is working as a Marketing Manager / Graphic Designer at Geelong Lutheran College and Tim is a Strategic Planning and Reporting Officer at The Orange Door.

We wish them both all the best!



Callie is recognised as the artist that painted the mural in the Senior Student Centre, a cherished artwork that has been enjoyed by our Year 12 students.





Meet our Multi Generational Families

As we celebrate our 60th anniversary, it was wonderful to welcome multi-generational families, with former students now entrusting their own children to the college. These families play an essential role in nurturing a strong sense of community, connection, and tradition within our school.

Michelle, a proud Alumni from the Class of 2000, has returned as a valued member of our teaching staff. This year, her daughter Sammy has joined the college as a Year 7 student, proudly continuing their family's tradition.

Another Alumni is Matthew Burgess from the Class of 1995, now working in Health IT, he has his son Henry in Year 8.

Adding to the multi-generational families is Tarek Amyra, a pharmacist and graduate of the Class of 1994, whose son Zain is in Year 11.

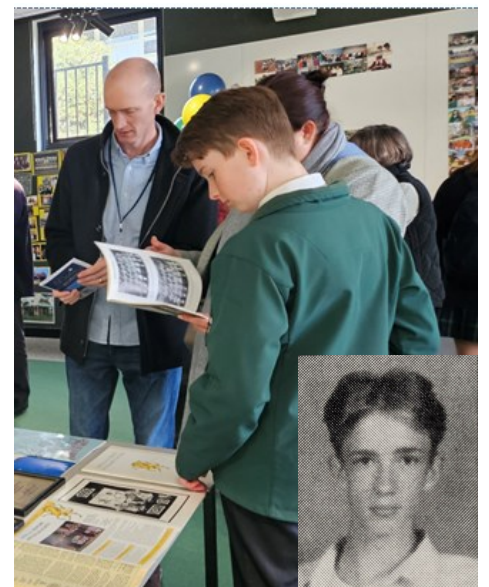
From the Class of 1992, we have Garry Achilles, who was also WRS School Captain (Waverley Road Site). His son Will is in Year 9.

We are deeply thankful for their contributions to both our rich history and our bright future.

**Garry Achilles School Captain
WRS (Class of 1992) with son
Will in Year 9**



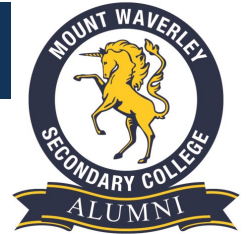
**Matthew Burgess
(Class of 1995) with
son Henry in Year 8**



**Michelle Lukaczynski
(Class of 2000) with
daughter Sammy
in Year 7**



**Tarek Amyra (Class of 1994)
with son Zain in Year 11**



Meet our Alumni

Jo is the James Stewart Professor of Medicine and Executive Director of Research at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She recently received the award of Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to medical research, to Clinical Immunology and Allergy, to Respiratory Medicine and to Tertiary Education. Congratulations Jo!



Jo Douglass AO (Class of 1977) with sister Robyn Phiddian (Douglass) (Class of 1980)



Julie from the Class of 1988 popped in to visit the college with her sister Karen Class of 1992 in tow. They had a blast!



The Penman Sisters - Julie Szabo (Class of 1988) and her sister Karen Hollenbach (Class of 1992)



Past Teacher Elizabeth Exintaris AOM (Toorak Primary School) and Michelle Lukaczynski (Class of 2000)



Cardinaletti Sisters Priya and Anne



Ashlyn Verni (Class of 2020)



Meet our Alumni



"It was a lovely afternoon, thank you. My dad, George Gill, was on school council and helped with grounds/garden at working bees" Michelle.



Michelle Hughes (Gill)
(Class of 1977)



Phillip Allan (Class of 1970) with Marilyn Strachan



I'm grateful to have chatted with Phil, (Class of 1970). Phil attended the event with many class photos from the past to contribute to our archives. Thank you so much.



Lindsay Mann
(Class of 1970)

"It certainly was a trip down memory lane and the college's collective efforts in putting it on was certified appreciated" - Phil





Meet our Alumni

It was a pleasure meeting Andrew Chisholm, from the Class of 78. He taught at Mornington Technical/ Secondary School from 1983 until 2017, teaching PE, Maths and becoming a Sports Coordinator.



Past teacher Ed Grossman and Andrew Chisholm (Class of 1978)



Past teacher Angus Krezel and Jenny Henry (nee Harper) Class of 1978, Andrew, Heather Drew and Steve Harper Class of 1979



Sue Wilson

The Langley Family





Alumni Band

Music performances took place throughout the afternoon including the first performance of the MWSC Alumni band. This band is composed of music alumni from Classes 2016 to 2023.

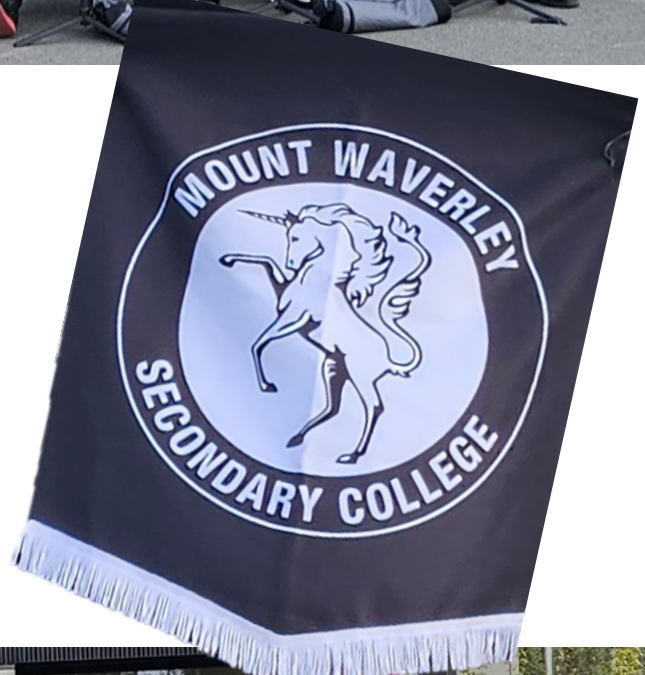




Photo Memories





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Photos - Inaugural Class of 64





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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 past students out there - let's hear from you.

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