

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Welcome

Welcome to this issue of the Mount Waverley Secondary College Alumni Newsletter. These newsletters will be published on a term basis instead of monthly.

In this edition, meet our 1964 and 1984 alumni who joined us for the School Reunion Tour in March. Get to know the MWSC Super Stage Band, composed of music alumni from Classes 2016 to 2023. Dive into the joy of reliving treasured memories and browsing through nostalgic photographs from days gone by.

Your contributions and insights (*stories, memories and photos*) has enhanced this newsletter. Keep them coming.

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.

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Alumni of the Term

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



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

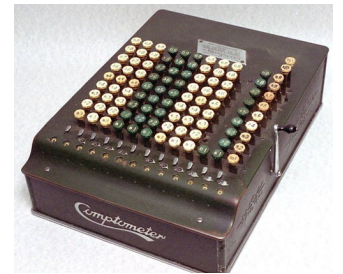


Meet our 1964 Alumni

Julie's journey ignited with a leap from the confines of school to the corridors of Burroughs Business College, where she delved into the intricate workings of the comptometer, (pictured right) transforming herself into an expert of calculation. Within a mere 12 months, Julie emerged not just a student, but a master, so adept that she was welcomed back as a teacher to impart her newfound expertise. Julie's ambitions didn't stop there as she ventured into the lively area of the construction industry, working on some prestigious homes in Melbourne whilst employed by a builder/developer. Julie then became a registered building practitioner in her own right and commenced business as a builder in 1994. Having a passion for interior design and after working with some of the countries most talented architects and designers and being exposed to designers overseas, she decided to concentrate on creating her own designs and project managing the works rather than operating as the builder. This gave her a good knowledge of all aspects of the build whilst protecting the ultimate design outcome.



**Julie Crawley
(nee Burns)**



Jeff Burstin

When Jeff bid farewell to high school, he embarked on a journey at Monash University, diving into politics and music. However, it was music that set his soul on fire, propelling him to be one of Australia's best guitarists. From sharing the stage with legendary acts like The Black Sorrows and Renée Geyer to igniting arenas with the dynamic duo Vika and Linda Bull. He continues to captivate audiences with his tunes performing a few gigs each week. Jeff finds the time to swap his guitar for a cricket bat every Saturday afternoon, playing in a senior's cricket team, showcasing his talents both on and off the stage.

Christine's journey began as she delved into the world of Business and Secretarial Studies at RMIT after leaving high school. Powered by desire to travel, she embarked on a thrilling adventure backpacking across the enchanting landscapes of Europe. London beckoned with its bustling energy, where she dove headfirst into the job market, swiftly securing roles as a Personal Assistant in various companies. She backpacked from London across America. She has also have been involved in the thoroughbred racehorse industry - owning and racing several racehorses none of which unfortunately ever won the Melbourne Cup. Recently she has been working in the retail sector in ladies boutiques which was definitely a change from administration work.



Christine Honeysett



Meet our 1964 Alumni

Along with Anne De Boer, David was appointed first school captain for the years 1964-67, after which he moved with his family to Sydney and matriculated at Epping Boys' High. Recently retired, David spent the better part of his working life as a Training Support Officer at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, chasing the rapid advance in media technology there from print and film to video streaming and online publishing. He's the proud father of four boys and now lives in Kingsford, close to Sydney's city beaches.

David Upham



Rob Woolley

Rob's journey is a lesson for those "who are not quite sure what they wish to do once their formal education comes to a conclusion". In 1970, Rob joined the State Bank of Victoria as a teller. Four years later, the Bank chose him and one other from the hundred plus internal employees who undertook an IT Aptitude Test. He quickly found his stride; diving into the new cutting-edge world called the IT sector. Over the next 40+ years, Rob ran a range of successful major projects for large companies in Australia and the USA which included Telstra, ANZ Bank, TAC and WorkSafe whilst consulting for Honeywell and Fujitsu at various times. To him, IT project or program management was the perfect role with deadlines, budgets, various deliverables that enhanced the workplace and the love of bringing a team together. Sometimes you never know where hard work will take you.



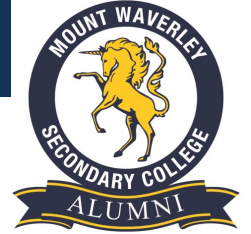
Janice's has led a quiet life after leaving high school. She became a skilled receptionist at the Australia Childhood Foundation, a noble not-for-profit committed to empowering children and young individuals to overcome trauma. Little did she know that her journey was about to become an roller-coaster adventure as she embarked on the joyful path of raising her three children. She is retired now and looks after her husband.

Janice McLean

Naree's journey began as she departed the familiar halls of school to embark on an adventure at Burroughs Business College. There, under the expert teaching of none other than the illustrious Julie Crawley (nee Burns), a former student turned mentor, Naree learnt the Ledger Machine. As her skills blossomed, she worked in various insurance companies and commercial unions. She later worked in her husband's stainless-steel fabrication business on the front desk and bookkeeping. Amidst the whirlwind of running a business, Naree embraced the joyous chaos of motherhood, raising not one, not two, but three boys.



Naree Tuck



Meet our 1964 Alumni



Marilyn, like many of the girls at that time, left high school and enrolled at Burroughs Business College, mastering the art of the comptometer. Her skills landed her a position at Kraft where she worked there for many years. Once she left Kraft Marilyn's new career path transformed her into a Merchandise Displayer, showcasing her wonderful talents in converting the shelves of retail stores. Marilyn only hung up her display tools a mere two years ago, capping off a wonderful career. With two children to boot, Marilyn's journey is of excitement and accomplishment!

Marilyn Gamble

When Barbara graduated from high school, she embarked on a journey at Holmes Business College, where she entered the world of secretarial skills. Her career path was a seamlessly transitioned through various secretary roles, mastering each challenge with skill and flair. She immensely enjoyed her role as an administrative position at a primary school. Barbara remained undaunted in the chaos of juggling work and raising three children.



Barbara Harvey



Ward, the diligent scholar who received the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship, unlocked the gates to an exhilarating journey of artistic exploration! Since 1972, Ward has graced the world with his unparalleled talent as a renowned Australian illustrator, caricaturist, and cartoonist, leaving an indelible mark on platforms such as the Sydney Morning Herald, National Times, the Bulletin, and the Australian Financial Review, to mention just a few. Ward is not just any artist, he's a titan in his field, receiving three Walkley awards for his unmatched contributions. Ward currently resides in the picturesque Blue Mountains of New South Wales.

Ward O'Neill

When David left school he joined the dynamic world of Telecommunications Research with the PMG, later Telstra. Here, amongst many milestones, he proudly introduced Australia to the marvel of the Internet Fridge and Mobile ticketing, marking advancements in technology. Research in Radio Communication led to a year braving the elements of Antarctica installing and maintaining communications equipment at Mawson Station. He has also completed his Certificate of Technology (Electronics) and a Bachelor of Technology (Computers) from RMIT. Beyond his professional deeds, David is Victorian senior instructor in Rhee Taekwondo.



David Jewell



Meet our 1984 Alumni



Hayley Ward

Hayley's journey after leaving high school involved working in a large prestigious law firm in Melbourne city. Then the jet-setting lifestyle took hold, and she was on the move overseas travelling to many countries. Seeing the world. She found her greatest joy in settling down with not just one, but twin bundles of joy! Nestled amidst the picturesque beauty of the Yarra Valley, she's created her own haven, a sanctuary where she can escape the urban hustle and reconnect with nature's tranquillity. With a foot in both worlds, she is living her best life!



Helen Hill

When Helen finished high school she completed a Bachelor of Science (Geology) at Monash University. From there she dove headfirst into the world of finance at the National Australia Bank. Through the Graduate training programme she worked hard to become a branch manager. Helen But her passion for music burned a fire within her soul leading her to embrace the thrilling realm of opera, where her voice soared to breathtaking heights. Amidst the crescendo of her career, she gracefully balanced the demands of the stage with the joys of motherhood, raising a lovely daughter.



Danielle Fraser (Bugeja)

Danielle's journey began after leaving high school, starting off as a receptionist, she quickly found herself embracing new adventures. The opportunity to jet set overseas as a nanny for a year was too appealing to pass up. But the adventure didn't stop there! Returning home, she embarked on the incredible journey of raising not one, not two, but four children - every day is a grand adventure. As if that wasn't enough, she leaped headfirst into the world of education, becoming a beloved teacher's aide at a local primary school.



Fiona Shankland

Fiona's journey started when she left '84 and ventured into the world of word processing at the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW). Afterward, she transitioned to working for lawyers before securing a role as a Personal Assistant at Melbourne Water in Pinewood. Along the way, she pursued further education, completing a Certificate III in Education Support, a Business Administration Course, and a Certificate in Childcare. Presently, she volunteers in administrative roles at two local Community Houses while actively seeking part-time employment within this field.



Photos from School Tour Reunion 1964, 1974, 1984

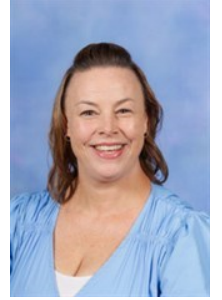




Meet our Super Stage Band

MWSC Super Stage Band is a group of music Alumni from Classes 2016 - 2023

"It was a real privilege to play in an ensemble with all of these students who have passed through my classroom over the years and the group sounded great. We will be meeting once a month to rehearse and it was an amazing experience" Tijtje Keatley, Director of Music



Marvin Ongsawasd

Class of 2022

Music Captain 2022
Plays the piano
Studying a
Bachelor of Science
at Monash University



Cameron Halliday

Class of 2022

Plays the saxophone
Studying a 4 year
Bachelor of Media and
Communications at
Swinburne University



Alex Rozakeas

Class of 2023

Plays the trombone
Studying a double degree
Bachelor of Engineering and
Bachelor of Science at
Monash University



Neel Kaul

Class of 2020

Plays the drum
Currently studying a
Bachelor of Science
(Majoring in Mathematics)
at Monash University



Chris Rozakeas

Class of 2021

Plays the trombone
Studying a double degree
Bachelor of Science and
Bachelor of Music at
Monash University





Meet our Super Stage Band

Magnus Thomas
Class of 2023

Plays the Trumpet
He is currently enrolled in
a Bachelor of Arts and
Global Studies
at Monash University



Ethan Leong
Class of 2023
Plays the guitar
Ethan is currently
studying a
Diploma of
Music Performance
at Box Hill TAFE



Liam Cherry
Class of 2023

Plays the saxophone
Studying Bachelor of Nursing
at Monash University



Fiona Qiu
Class of 2016

Plays the trombone
Completed a
Bachelor of Science (Honors)
Currently completing her
PhD in Pharmacology
at Melbourne University



Paul Halliday
Class of 2020

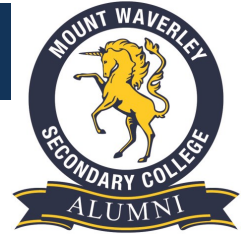
Plays the saxophone, flute
He is in his final year
Bachelor of Music
(Majoring in Classical Flute)



Edwin Nguyen
Class of 2021

Plays the saxophone
Studying a 4 year
Bachelor of
Electrical Engineering at
Monash University





What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

"Music Class!"

Julian Liu
Class of 2018

"Helping to produce the photography for the 1973 school magazine using actual 35mm film and my own home darkroom"

Bill Runting
Class of 1973

"Indoor lunch times--
eating in the hallways!"

Sumin Kim
Class of 2015

"The school was good to me in a lot of ways, and I enjoyed the six years at Mount Waverley with my friends!"

Jace Jikson
Class of 2022

"Music performances, 2023 production, finding my friend group and becoming close with them and countless other things"

Ethan Leong
Class of 2023

"Friendships. Also one teacher particularly that gave up many of her breaks to teach extended skills in both Food & Textiles projects"

Priya Cardinaletti
Class of 1976

Photos fresh from the Archives



1964 Opening Year Choir



Doing things 1993



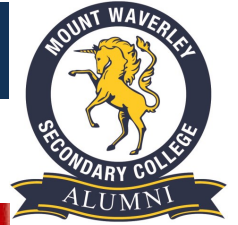
School Life 1990



Sport 1984



Joseph - School Production - 1974



Photos fresh from the Archives



Music
2004



Media Studies 1983



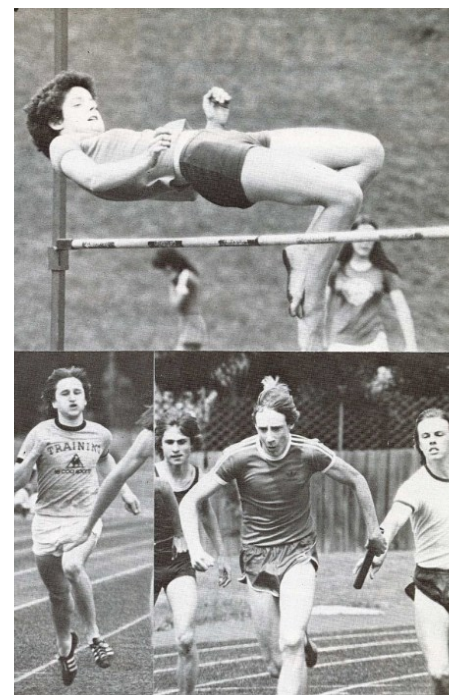
Trivia Night
1998



Debutante Ball 1991



Debating Team 2007



Sports 1974



Alumni events - MWSC Alumni School Tour

We are pleased to advise that our tours in 2024 will also include additional classes years. Tours will start at 9am from the main reception of Senior Campus and conclude with a morning tea. **Bookings** essential.

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



Class of 1994, 2004 **Friday, 21 June 2024**

(We are pleased to extend a warm invite to include past students from classes of 1990, 1991, 1992 and 2000, 2001, 2002)

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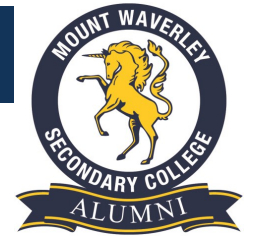
Class of 2014 **Friday, 16 August 2024**

(We are pleased to extend a warm invite to include past students from classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012)

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

Class of 2023 Reunion **Friday 29 November 2024 2:30 PM**

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



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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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