

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Welcome

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

In this edition, reconnect with our Alumni from 1994, 2014, and other graduating years who joined us for the School Reunion Tour in June and August. Experience the joy of reliving cherished memories and exploring nostalgic photographs from years past. Be sure to check out all the upcoming events, both on campus and those privately organised by Alumni.

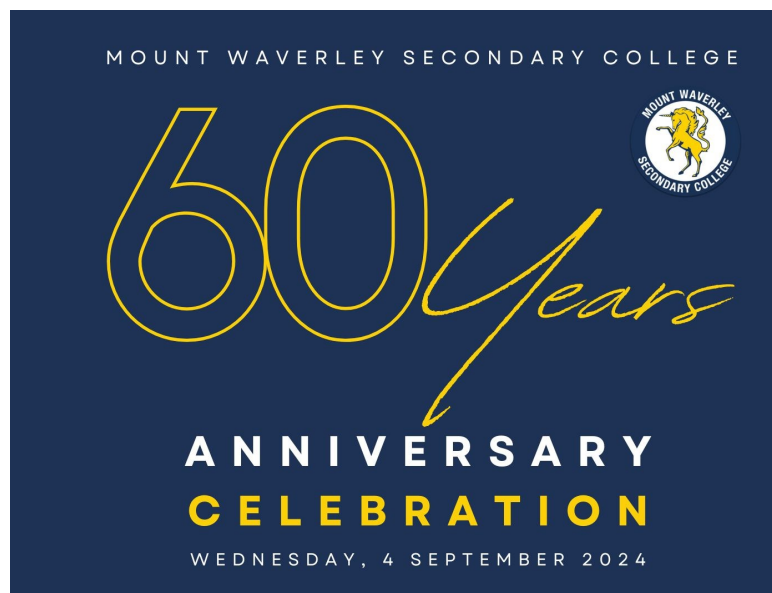
Your contributions and insights (*stories, memories and photos*) has enhanced this newsletter. Keep them coming.

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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Community. Choice. Engagement.





Meet our 1994 Alumni

After leaving school, Linton embarked on an exciting journey of IT enrolling in a two-year IT diploma program at RMIT. This foundational experience fuelled his passion for technology, leading him to work in the industry for two years. Eager to deepen his expertise, he returned to academia, pursuing a Bachelor of Computer Science at Swinburne. His dedication paid off with a graduate placement within a computer organisation, cementing his career in IT.

He reconnected with Amanda Anderson, a fellow student from his school days, and the two were married in 2005. They now have two children together.



Linton Henderson



**Amanda Henderson
(nee Anderson)**

Amanda's journey began in 1994 when she left school and embarked on a four-year Bachelor of Arts (Honors) degree at Monash University's Clayton campus, majoring in Japanese. Her passion for the language led her to being a translator for Yakult. She then ventured into the vibrant worlds of TV production, advertising, and marketing, where her creativity led her to the position of Advertising Manager at Liquorland. Eventually, Amanda combined her leadership skills and love for nature to become a Ranger Team Leader for Parks Victoria, where she continues today. She reconnected with Linton Henderson, a fellow student from her school days, and the two were married in 2005. They now have two children together.

Michael's journey began after leaving school, where he pursued a diploma in computer systems at Box Hill TAFE. His career took him through various companies, gaining invaluable experience until he found his niche at Transurban as an IT Software Delivery Manager. Along the way, Michael reconnected with Tina Stickett, a fellow student from his past, and their reunion led to marriage in 2006. Together, they have two wonderful boys.



Michael Crossley



**Samantha Chapman
(nee Scoble)**

Samantha embarked on her career journey after leaving school, pursuing a 3-year Bachelor of Public Health and Health Promotion at Deakin University. Her dedication to enhancing community well-being led her to roles as a Health Promotion Officer with various Not-for-Profit organisations, Local Government, and the ACT Government Health sector in 2015. In 2021, Samantha made a thrilling move to Ocean Grove, where she joined the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VIC Health) in a hybrid working environment. Amid her professional endeavours, Samantha thrives as a busy mother to two energetic girls, balancing a fulfilling career with a vibrant family life.



Photos from School Tour Reunion 1994





Meet our 2011 Alumni

After graduating from our school as part of the Class of 2011, Sebastian enrolled in a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at Swinburne University in 2012. Upon graduation, Sebastian began his professional journey as a Graduate Engineer at John Holland, a prominent engineering company. Over the course of four years, he undertook various roles within their rail business, developing a deep understanding of the field. Following his graduate program, Sebastian took on the role of Rolling Stock Engineer for 18 months before advancing to his current position as a Knowledge Management Systems Engineer.

In 2023, Sebastian returned to our school as a guest speaker, inspiring the next generation of engineers by sharing his career journey with Year 10 students.



Sebastian Aurisano

Meet our 2012 Alumni

Carly, embarked on her post-secondary education by enrolling in a course in Animal Technology at Box Hill Institute. By 2014, she had successfully completed her course, ready to take the next step, a Bachelor's degree, but circumstances beyond her control led her to take a GAP year. While she had every intention of returning to her studies, life's demands and opportunities took her in a new direction. Carly began working as a medical receptionist, this experience opened new doors for her, leading her to a fulfilling role in administration for an NDIS provider.

Today, Carly balances her career with the joys and challenges of raising four children.



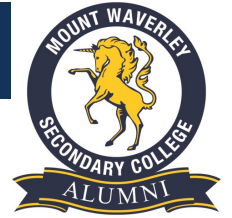
Carly Bebend



Karina Ford

After high school, Karina pursued a Bachelor of Early Education at Holmesglen. Transferred to Deakin after one semester of studies, completed Health Sciences in 2016. Katrina's involvement with Deakin University extended beyond her studies. She contributed to several impactful health projects, including the "Smoke Free" initiative and the "GLOBE: WHO STOPS" childhood obesity project. She has had various roles in careers and recruitment as well as student services across various organisations.

Today, Katrina is an administrator for the School of Health, where she continues to support academics, students and faculty, as well as contributing to a number of strategic projects across the University. Katrina remains with her high school boyfriend, a relationship that has grown and flourished and stood the test of time. Together, they share fond memories of their time at Mount Waverley Secondary College, where one of their most memorable teachers, Mr. Young, still inspires students in his science classes today.



Meet our 2014 Alumni



Thomas Filippou

Thomas, Vice Captain during his final year demonstrated remarkable leadership skills and a passion for helping others. After graduation, Thomas enrolled into Swinburne University, Bachelor of Arts, where he majored in International Studies and minored in Philosophy and Public Policy Development.

Shortly after earning his degree, Thomas embarked on a graduate program with the Department of Human Services (DHS), which is now known as Services Australia. Today, Thomas serves as a Lead User Researcher at Services Australia.

On a personal note, Thomas recently celebrated a significant milestone—marrying his partner of seven years. This new chapter in his life is filled with joy and excitement.



Emma Markovic

After finishing high school, Emma enrolled in a Bachelor of Primary Teaching at Deakin University. For four years, she immersed herself in her studies, deeply enjoying the course and working with children. However, by the end of her degree, Emma realised that classroom teaching wasn't the right fit for her.

Emma transitioned to a new role within the educational sector, joining the team at Extend, an after-school care provider. In 2021, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Emma decided to explore a new avenue and enrolled in a semester of game design at RMIT. Emma's educational journey didn't stop there, she enrolled at Swinburne University to pursue a Library Technician course. Since 2022, Emma has found her niche as an English tutor with Top Scope, where she has been able to channel her passion for teaching. Emma's journey is a testament to the importance of exploring different paths and finding a career that truly resonates with your passions and strengths.

After leaving high school, Kevin pursued a Bachelor of Communication Design at Monash University. Though the creative field intrigued him, Kevin ventured into entrepreneurship, running his own business. Alongside his business endeavours, Kevin took on various administrative and retail roles, gaining valuable experience and skills in customer service and operations. Kevin began volunteering with the State Emergency Service (SES) at Monash. He is about to cross the five-year mark, a milestone he is particularly proud of. Since December 2022, he has served as the Community Engagement and Fundraising

Co-ordinator, focusing on building community resilience to storm and flood emergencies. Kevin is actively involved with Monash Neighbourhood Watch. He is committed to advancing them by implementing technological improvements, including the development of a new website, the adoption of Microsoft 365 for their email system, and the creation of a Facebook page to enhance community outreach. Today, Kevin is dedicated to pursuing a career in emergency services sector, focusing on incident management, and building community resilience.

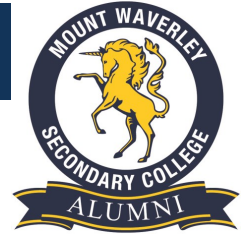


Kevin Tse



Photos from School Tour Reunion 2014





What are your best memories of Mount Waverley Secondary College?

"My classmates and the atmosphere of the school"

Amit Kate
Class of 2020

"Great memories of my high school years. Friends are my best memories. Still close to many of them today"

Nash Rees
Class of 1992

"Footy and cricket at recess and lunch"

David James
Class of 1997

"Good friends, great teachers, school camp, watching the lunar landing on the television in Room 18 - no lessons & being allowed to go home and watch it if preferred"

Lea Norris
Class of 1973

"The friends that I made and the sports I played"

Bruce MacLean
Class of 1981

"Despite the prac writing that comes with experiments, my best memories at Mount would be conducting experiments in the laboratory with my friends during Science class!"

Maggie Yung
Class of 2022



Photos fresh from the Archives



Mrs Sonya Oberman with some of her VCE Biology Students **1994**



College School and Vice Captains and UN Youth Delegate **2014**



Prefects **1992**



Junior School Debating Team **2011**



Year 7 Boys Cricket **2020**



Science Talent Quest **1989**



Photos fresh from the Archives



Homebush
Camp
2003



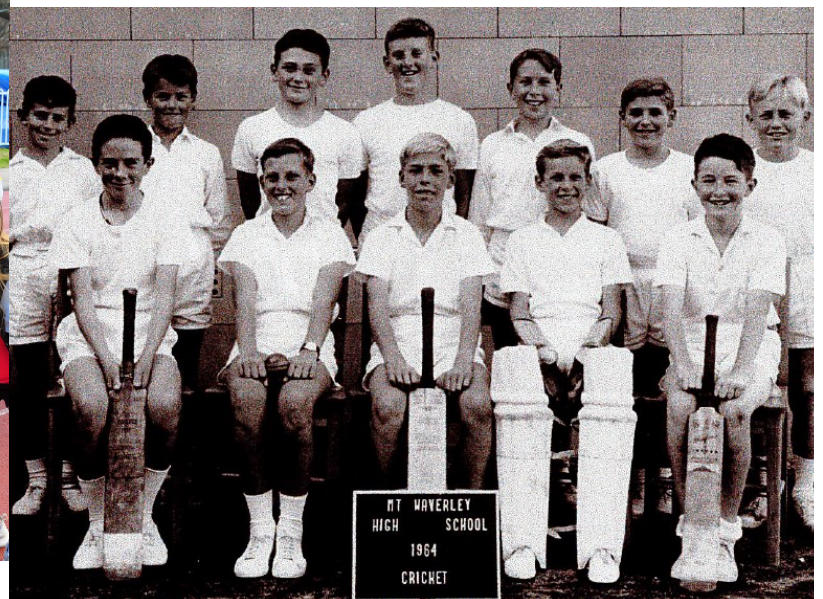
School Life 1974



Year 8 Girls Tennis Team - 2007



Athletics Carnival 2018



Boys Cricket Team - 1964



Alumni events

Reunion – Class of 1978

Posting this on behalf of the CLASS OF 1978

MOUNT WAVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL CATCH UP REUNION

Saturday 23rd November, 2-5pm
at the Notting Hill Hotel.

This invitation goes out to anyone who started at **MWHS** in Form 1 in **1973** or joined and/or left the group along the way to Form 6 in **1978**. Bring partners if you like. If you can help spread the word to any siblings, friends or acquaintances you know from this cohort it would be greatly appreciated.

(The 50 year reunion will be in 2028)

We look forward to seeing you.

Jane Shaw





Alumni events

MOUNT WAVERLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE



60 Years

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate our 60th anniversary with us!

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

3PM TO 6PM

Tour our brand new STEAM Centre, view college historical displays and listen to musical performances

Mount Waverley Secondary College Senior Campus

Lechte Road, Mount Waverley
VIC 3149





Alumni events



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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