



MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE

R-12

Belonging ~ Diversity ~ Excellence ~ Relationship

YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER
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From the Principal

Dear Families

Mount Carmel College R-12

At the end of the second year of our unified Mount Carmel College, there is much to celebrate. Our explicit teaching approach to literacy and numeracy has seen outstanding improvement in both the primary classes and secondary classes. Staff have undertaken extensive professional development in the systemic approach to improving teaching and learning. This has included aspects of the Clarity Learning Suite, an international research and evidence-based approach. Staff have also undertaken two full days of training regarding student wellbeing and pastoral care. The Berry Street Education Model equips staff with practical, classroom-based strategies to increase the engagement of all students, including those with complex, learning needs. It enables

schools to support students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing to increase student engagement and significantly improve academic achievement. This year we were fortunate to have Fr Richard Leonard present the second of his series about Catholic Identity and what it means to be a staff member in a Catholic School in the 21st century, where we welcome students from diverse backgrounds, including a diversity of religious and non-religious backgrounds.

Western Technical College (WTC)

The Western Technical College, owned and run by Mount Carmel College, has continued to thrive this year under the new leadership of Steven Hicks. After the almost \$6 million expansion completed early last year, the new courses have proved to be very popular with students.

House Banners

Earlier this term the new House Banners were unveiled at the Year 12 Graduation Mass. We will feature them at both campuses early next year. A huge congratulations and thanks to Year 12 student Chairon Masangcay, who designed all 4 banners.

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Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2023

- 8 Year 7-9 Activities Day
- 8 Year 7-9 Term 4 Ends
- 11 Primary Assembly 9am
- Year 6 Hosting
- 12 Year 6 Breakfast 9:15am-11am
- 12 Year 6 Graduation Mass and
Certificates 11:30am
- 12 R-6 Term 4 Ends

Further dates are available from our website at www.mcc.catholic.edu.au

2023 TERM DATES:

- Term 1: 30 Jan - 14 Apr
- Term 2: 1 May - 7 Jul
- Term 3: 24 Jul - 29 Sep
- Term 4: 16 Oct - 12 Dec



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Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the **Absentee Line on 0438 368 846 (SMS) or phoning (08) 8447 0500**. You will need to state the following:

NAME OF CHILD, YEAR LEVEL, REASON FOR ABSENCE eg *If late approximately what time will your child arrive etc.*

A medical certificate is required if a student is away for more than 3 days. For any planned extended absence, an explanatory letter to the Principal requesting permission to be exempt from school is required.

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They are of a very high professional standard and so fittingly represent each House.

Staff News

Ms Suzanne Sullivan, Director of Students (7-12) has decided to retire at the end of this year. Suzanne has shown outstanding leadership in this role. Her compassionate, caring approach with both students and their families has truly reflected that she is a woman in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop.

Mr Wayne Thompson, DT&E teacher on the Secondary Campus, has also decided to retire and we thank him for his service to our community.

At the end of this year we will also farewell and we thank the following staff for their contributions to our R-12 College community: Ms Stephanie Cardinale, Ms Corrina Du, Mr Dylan Darley, Ms Tessa Fryer, Ms Heidi Monaghan, Mrs Samantha Newstead, Ms Pat Nicou, Ms Diana Southasee, Mrs Francesca Sutton, Ms Lily Towler, Miss Emma Wightman.

Graduation Celebrations

Last Friday evening we had a wonderful celebration with the Year

12 students and their families at the Year 12 Graduation Dinner. We are so proud of their achievements and look forward to their efforts being reflected in their SACE results which will be released on Monday 18 December.

Next week we look forward to celebrating with our Year 6 students the successful completion of their primary school years as they transition to our Secondary campus next year. We will share a breakfast and then students and families will come together for mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Have a Safe Christmas

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I hope all students and families are able to celebrate Christmas in a special way this year. Christmas is a family time for most people, a time for us to give thanks for our family and friends and to celebrate Jesus' birthday. May Christ's peace bless you and bring true joy to you.

We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Be a person of hope to others.

John Konopka, Principal



Sugarloaf Landforms

The 8 Purple HASS class created 3D clay models of the Sugarloaf landform as part of their assessment connected to the cross-disciplinary excursion to Hallet Cove. This was an excellent opportunity for students to engage with a hands-on activity, crafting a visual representation of the geomorphic processes that contributed to the creation of the landform and how it has been impacted by both weathering and erosion over the years. The different colours represent a range



of sediment types that played a role in its formation.

*Samantha Newstead
HASS Teacher*

Year 10 History Human Rights T-Shirts



The Year 10 History students studied Human Rights as one of their topics and the Summative task was to design and create a t-shirt with an appropriate slogan. All classes completed it in Term 4 and the photos show some of the amazing designs. This activity has proven to be engaging for the students as we encourage them to pursue history as a subject in the senior years. Thanks to Mrs Vlahos, Ms Ngo and Ms Carabelas for their work with the students on this activity.

Felicity Daviess
HASS Coordinator



Year 12 Graduation Dinner 2023



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Wishing all Mount Carmel College families a safe and happy holidays. During the holidays should your child or family require support, here are some services that you can access:

For parents:

- Parent Helpline South Australia – 1300 364 100
- Mental Health Triage Service – 13 14 65
- Homeless Connect SA (accommodation support) – 1800 003 308
- 1800RESPECT (Domestic Violence Support) – 1800 737 732
- Financial Counselling Australia – 1800 007 007
- Lifeline (support around personal crisis) – 13 11 14

For students:

- Kids Helpline – 1800 55 1800 or www.kidshelpline.com.au
- Headspace – 1800 650 890 or www.eheadspace.org.au
- Lifeline – 13 11 14 or www.lifeline.org.au/crisis-chat

We look forward to seeing all our student and families in 2024.

The Wellbeing Team

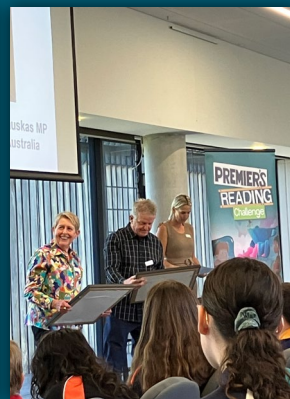


Year 11 Drama students performed a whole class production titled 'survivors'. The students created their own monologues around the theme of survival. They were then given the task of choreographing the individual pieces into the class production. So much talent on display.

Congratulations to everyone involved.



Premier's Reading Challenge



This year we had the privilege to attend the Premier's Reading Challenge presentation in recognition of excellence by a school. This year Mount Carmel College was invited and two of our top performing students Madison Smith (Year 7) and Abby Barnes (Year 6) went to represent the school and receive the award. We had a fantastic result with so many participants and our students had the opportunity to meet the Premier Hon Peter Malinauskas MP and the Minister for Education Hon Blair Boyer MP. We also had the pleasure to meet South Australia's famous author Mem Fox and Illustrator and writer Phil Cummings. Bec Morse (SAFM Radio Personality) was the MC for this event. Congratulations to every student that participated this year, a job well done.

*Vicki Penny, Resource Centre Officer and
Beti Sghirripa, Library, Primary Campus*

Secondary Student Leaders



In this last week of term, the 2024 Student Leaders have been finalised. We thank all students who applied for these important roles: it is a wonderful sign when we have students who want to put up their hands to serve our community. Congratulations to those who have been successful in gaining formal student leadership positions, including those who have volunteered to be Year 10 Peer Support Leaders next year. We look forward to the contributions that all these students will make to our community.

In looking forward to next year, we have had some training sessions for Peer Support Leaders, as well as House Captains and other leaders, to begin planning for events for next year. These sessions have shown how much our students enjoy working together to develop their leadership skills in order to make our community

a safe, welcoming place for all. On a personal note, I take this opportunity to thank all the students who have contributed to these roles over the years: as I prepare to leave this community, I reflect on the great joy that working with student leaders has brought over the years. This extends to our broader student cohort, who I have had the privilege of working with over the years. These are young people finding their way in the world, enriching our lives through their presence. As someone who is moving into retirement, I am reassured that we have many good young people to take us into the future. Thank you to them all, and to the many families who have supported us and entrusted us to work with your children.

Suzanne Sullivan
Director of Students Wellbeing



From the Mary MacKillop Centre

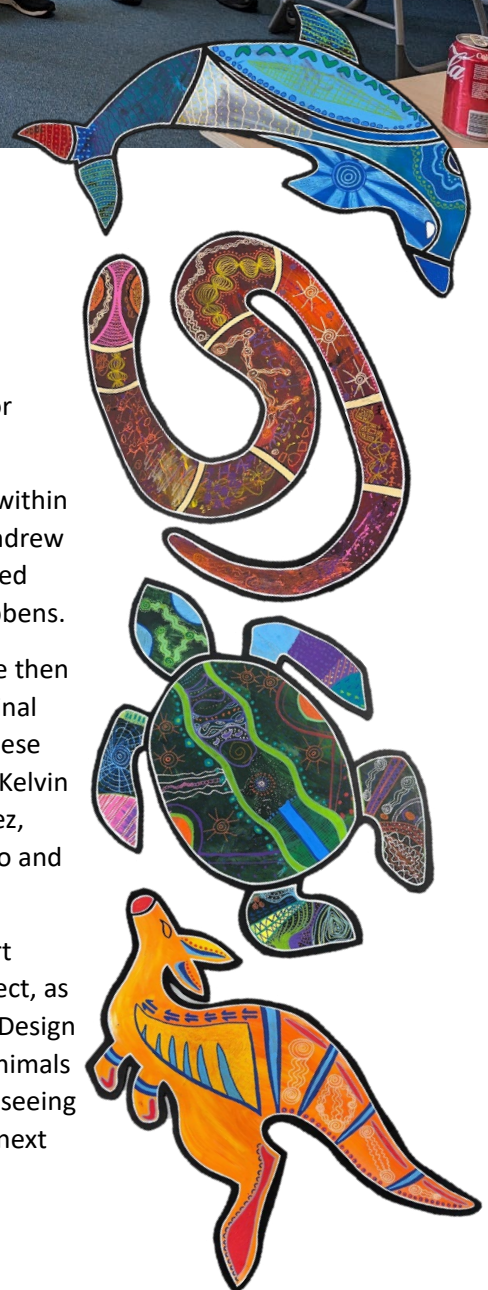


This term, the MacKillop Centre students collaborated to create 8 Australian animal installations for our newly completed courtyard.

The acrylic backgrounds were painted within an art therapy course with students Andrew Brown, Xavier Mkandala, Mohammed Selebay, Philip Khil-Teeng and Riley Gibbens.

Some of our more senior students were then given the task of researching Aboriginal symbols and designs to draw onto these backgrounds. These students included Kelvin Mangozho, Gerard Calica-Hernandez, Frank Violi, Max Knolder, Hunter Mamo and Hannah Powell.

Thank you to Jodi Ireland in the Art Department for assisting with this project, as well as Iain Carr and Paul Volkoff in the Design & Tech Department who brought the animals to life. We are really looking forward to seeing these decorative pieces in our space next year!



WHO'S in CHARGE?



Does your child hurt or intimidate you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Do you want to handle conflict better?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family

The Who's in Charge? group is a FREE 7-week program for parents or carers of young people (8-18 years) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame that parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Help in understanding power in relationships and coping with stress
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

WHEN: Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 8pm - commencing 31 January 2024
WHERE: The Lights Community & Sports Centre - upstairs Community Function Room, 244-270 East Parkway Corner Hampstead Road and East Parkway, Lightsvue

An initiative of Centacare Catholic Family Services, City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council and Reconnect

Enquiries and Referrals: Trevor: 0410 698 907 or Centacare: 8215 6700





KAYAKING at Garden Island



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FREE
12-17yr olds
who live or study in the City of PAE

Thursday 18 January
11:30am - 1:00pm
Garden Island Boat Ramp

Bookings Essential → 

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hannah.edwards@reclink.org

club.reclink.org

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GRANGE CRICKET CLUB

January 9th & 10th
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(Military Rd & Fort St.)




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