



**Morialta
Secondary
College**

Morialta Messages

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Dear Morialta Secondary College families,

As term 1, 2024 draws to a close I would like to thank everyone for your support of our college community. A range of significant events have occurred over the course of term 1 including:

- Our college officially opened by the Premier, the Honourable Premier Peter Malinauskas and the Minister for Education the Honourable Blair Boyer.
- Acquaintance Night for families of both year 7 and 8 students.
- Our second Open Night.
- Transition visits for students from both Magill Primary School and Stradbroke Primary
- The implementation of Daymap as our Learner Management System
- A wide range of sporting achievements including success at interschool athletics.
- Stretch Program workshops for students needing stretch or acceleration with their learning.

On Tuesday 19 March we held our second Governing Council Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to join the Governing Council for two-year terms:

- Andrew Exley
- Maja Kruger
- Chloe Simpson
- Renette Grubb

Our Governing Council now includes 8 parent representatives with the following parents elected in 2023:

- Karlie Hutchens (Chairperson)
- Norelle Branford (Treasurer)
- Mary Stovell
- Joanne Kirby

We thank John Gardner MP for Morialta for his ongoing support as our community representative on Governing Council.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our term 1 Community Survey to inform our year 9-12 curriculum development project. Our curriculum leadership team has worked through the information from families, students and staff and are currently developing a model to present to the community at an in-person consultation event in term 2. We are incredibly excited about this work and look forward to sharing the collective efforts of everyone involved.

I would like to thank all of our staff and students for their work across term 1. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable term 1 holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 29 April.

Roley Coulter
Principal





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Student Led Conferences

Our student led conferences will be held in weeks

2 & 3 of term 2. Students will focus on goal setting and personal reflection as high impact strategies for them to develop as learners and as members of a thriving school community.

Placing students at the centre of the discussion empowers them to identify their strengths and challenges in learning and supports them to plan their next steps.

Families of year 7 students are invited to attend a 15-minute student led conference on Wednesday 15 May between 2.45pm and 6.45pm.

Families of year 8 students are invited to attend a 15-minute student led conference on Wednesday 8 May between 2.45pm and 6.45pm.

If families have been unable to access Daymap previously, please follow the instructions linked [here](#), or contact the school for support to ensure that you are able to book conferences and effectively support your child's progress at school.



On Tuesday 12 March we were fortunate to host a piano performance by world-renowned concert pianist, Kristian Bezuidenhout. Kristian performed for a range of our music students and delivered an incredible performance of pieces by Mozart and Beethoven on our college's new baby grand piano.

Along with performing, Kristian provided historical insights into the pieces of music, the composers and the requirements for the performer. He concluded with a question-and-answer session with students about what it takes to learn and master an instrument to an elite level.

Kristian also happens to be the brother of Tanja Gehren (Senior Leader English / HASS / Literacy) and we thank Tanja for organising this opportunity for our students.

**Performance by
Kristian Bezuidenhout**

Launch of Stretch Program

At Morialta Secondary College we take great pride in knowing our students and identifying the level of challenge and support they need. We know from our data and relationships with students and families that a significant number of our students need intellectual challenge and enrichment with their learning.

This term our Stretch program has included a STEM workshop with our Aija Mee investigating chance and probability and stretching students' their learning in Mathematics this term, as well as a Liberal Arts workshop with Tanja Gehren challenging students to draw comparisons develop analytical skills and effectively communicate their understandings. It has been fantastic to see our students working together, expanding and sharing their knowledge including stretching their thinking beyond their current year level.



BELONG

ACHIEVE

BECOME

Inspire Excursion to Magill Kindergarten

This term year 8 students in our Arts Inspire strand have been addressing the driving question,

'As artists, how can we create a product or performance that promotes joy for a local group or person?'

We have been fortunate to partner with Magill Preschool who have been incredibly supportive of our year 8 students working with their pre-school children. To address this question our students have been working on their collaborative and communication skills for a particular audience.

We thank Sarah Moore (Director Magill Pre-school) and her staff for supporting this partnership. In several instances, our students have returned to their pre-school and reconnected with their pre-school teacher which has been great for everyone involved.



As part of the Visual Art curriculum, our year 8 cohort of students recently embarked on an excursion to the Art Gallery of South Australia.

Students were provided with the opportunity to explore how art galleries display and curate artworks, using knowledge and images collected to inspire them when creating their own curated displays.

Students were also able to engage in a practical activity at the studio which was run by gallery volunteers.

Visual Art Excursion to Art Gallery SA

Uniform Reminders

Our students typically demonstrate excellence in wearing their uniform and representing our community. In term 2, we will implement a communication process to inform parents and caregivers via email if students are out of correct uniform.

During the holiday break, we encourage families to consider purchasing winter items if required, along with any necessary replacement items that students may have outgrown. Additionally, we are noticing that many students are not wearing black leather shoes with their formal uniform as required by the uniform policy. Please ensure that students have these items available for the start of term 2. Please refer to our [Uniform Policy](#) for further information.

The uniform shop [Belgravia Apparel](#) will be open over the holiday break during the below times, however closed for Anzac Day on 25 April.

Monday 8am -4pm	Thursday 10am -5.30pm
Tuesday 10am -5.30pm	Friday Closed
Wednesday 8am -4pm	Saturday 9am -12noon

Daymap Update

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers who have signed up to our Daymap Parent Portal. This term we have focussed on making learning activities and assessments visible to families along with assessment results and attendance information. Teachers have also focussed on recognising positive contributions made by students that align with our college pillars. Teachers create positive behaviour records on Daymap which are sent to parents and caregivers via email. At the time of writing these messages over 520 positive records have been sent to parents and caregivers during term 1. Upcoming student led conferences will be booked via the Parent Portal.

Host an International Student!

Morialta Secondary College will host our first group of international students in early term 3. Our visiting international group will comprise of 16 year 7 students coming from schools in Chungcheongbukdo Cheongju, South Korea. The students will be hosted for 2 weeks, arriving in Adelaide on Sunday 28 July and departing on Saturday 10 August. Students are to be accommodated with homestay families in single or double placements.

We are seeking homestay families for our visiting Korean students from within our Morialta community. We envisage our homestay families will gain a satisfying and rewarding experience through accommodating an international student.

If you are interested in becoming a homestay family for our 14-day study tour, or would like a additional information, please email the college at dl.1920.info@schools.sa.edu.au and a staff member will be in contact with you.



Woodhouse Camp 2024

We recently had our Woodhouse Activity Centre overnight camps for our year 7 cohort from Wednesday 3 to Friday 5 April. Students were involved in a full activity program with a range of team building activities and challenges including climbing Challenge Hill, laser skirmish, walking an adventure trail, making their way through the Labyrinth maze, tube-sliding, and bouldering. The camp provided opportunities for student growth in areas including self-confidence, independence, resilience and social awareness, while exploring and learning new skills. Our students were excellent participants in all challenges and had the chance to build relationships in a different context.





Sport

Our students have achieved outstanding results this term across various sporting opportunities such as athletics, swimming, basketball and volleyball.

On Tuesday, March 19th, they showcased their athletics at the North East & Northern Zone Athletics Carnival, engaging in track and field events alongside peers from other secondary schools.

We are thrilled to announce our remarkable success, particularly with our year 7 girls, as well as both year 8 boys and girls securing victories in their respective competitions.

Our students also performed exceptionally well in the year 7/8 basketball carnival with our girls winning their competition.

We look forward to celebrating their achievements and continued success in the upcoming terms.

Community Shout Out

Is there a teacher or staff member who should be acknowledged for their contributions? At Morialta Secondary College we are focussed on Building Community.

Please take the time to thank members of our community who have made amazing contributions and we will ensure their efforts are recognised:



**Community Shout Out
Nomination Form**

Traffic Management

Our Governing council have recently written to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport requesting a review of the traffic management around the college. Additionally, as a school, we have been working with the Campbelltown Council to improve school zone signage on Morialta Road West.

In the meantime, we ask families to take care when dropping off or picking up their children and to utilise the drop off/pick up zone at the top of Morialta Road West if at all possible. Additionally, please have a conversations with your child about road awareness and using appropriate crossings whenever possible. Thank you for your continued awareness when driving around the college.

Key Dates Term 2

Mon, 29 Apr	Start of Term 2
Wed, 8 May	Year 8 Student Led Conferences
Wed, 15 May	Year 7 Student Led Conferences
Tues, 21 May	Governing Council
Tues, 21 May	Year 9-12 Curriculum Community Consultation
Mon, 10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tues, 18 May	Governing Council
Fri, 5 July	End of Term Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Join us!

Please follow our social channels below to view more photos as well as ongoing updates and happenings at the college.

