

# Morialta Messages

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Dear Morialta Secondary College Community,

As we reach the end of this term, I reflect on the achievements and milestones of our school community. For our Year 7 students, this concludes their first semester of high school – an important step in their educational journey. I commend each student for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout this foundational period.

This Friday marks an important event for our school community as academic reports for this term will be distributed to students and published on Daymap. This provides an opportunity for students and parents to review progress and celebrate achievements.

Throughout this term, we have been actively engaged in shaping our Year 9-12 curriculum through a collaborative community consultation process. I am excited to announce that we will be sharing the outcomes of this process at our Year 8 course counselling information night on Tuesday, 30 July, which falls in Week 2 of Term 3. This night promises to be informative and engaging, providing insights into the future direction of our curriculum.

This term has also been marked by several inaugural events for Morialta Secondary College. We successfully hosted our first interschool event on site with the 'Big Ideas Challenge,' showcasing the creative and innovative spirit of our students. Additionally, our Year 7 boys participated in our inaugural interschool sports event on site, competing in soccer against Rostrevor College. These events highlight our commitment to providing diverse opportunities for our students to excel both academically and in extracurricular activities.

Term 2 has been incredibly busy, and this edition of our Morialta Messages covers some key highlights. Our students continue to excel in the Arts and with school sport. I thank our leaders and teachers for creating the opportunities for our students to shine through their leadership of performances, sports competitions and student clubs.

In term 3 we look forward to welcoming our first delegation of international students. 15 year 7 Korean students will spend a fortnight with our school. Thank you to families that have offered to homestay the Korean students. This is a great opportunity for our students to meet students from another country and to develop their intercultural understanding.

I am pleased to announce that Annabel Luck will be joining us next term as our new teacher of Maths and Science. We extend our best wishes to Stephanie Hassouros as she prepares for maternity leave, and we look forward to welcoming her back in the future.

Finally, I wish all members of the Morialta Secondary College community a safe and enjoyable school holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Week 1 of Term 3 on Monday, 22 July.

Roley Coulter  
Principal







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## daVinci Decathlon

Our talented year 7 students recently participated in the prestigious da Vinci Decathlon at St Peter's Girls' School. This academic competition challenges young minds across a variety of disciplines, including Art and Poetry, Mathematics, and Engineering, with this year's theme being 'Utopia.' In preparation for the event, our team of ten students attended several workshops led by our leadership team to hone their skills and develop effective team strategies. We are incredibly proud of their self-direction and independence. Their hard work and dedication paid off, as they secured 2nd place in the Ideation category! Congratulations to all involved.



# Student Academic Awards

Our first formal whole school assembly of the year was held in the gym on the last day of term where we recognised and celebrated the academic, sport, arts and community achievements of our students through performances and awards.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and we look forward to witnessing more incredible achievements throughout the school year.



**Year 7 Merit Recipients**



**Year 8 Distinction Recipients**



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# Inaugural Arts Collective

Our inaugural Arts Collective was a huge success, with two sold out audiences experiencing the talent of our students! Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Art were on display, and it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to share their work from first semester.

Over 140 students participated on the night, and many others contributed work to be displayed.

Thank you for coming, we can't wait to show you our next event!

If you missed the performance, you can find it at the link below.



# Festival of Music

Earlier this term, our extra-curricular performing arts clubs auditioned for a coveted spot as Assisting Artists in the Festival of Music. Competing against students from schools across the state, we are thrilled to announce that we have secured two performance opportunities!

The MSC Musical Theatre Club will perform "Revolting Children," and MSC Thursday Funk will present "Watermelon Man."

Congratulations to all involved!





# Design Technologies

This semester, our Year 7 students have been hard at work in their Design Technology classes, proudly showcasing their projects. In particular, they have created animal boxes, a project that combines creativity with practical skills. Additionally, they have explored the significant impact of waste plastic, learning about environmental sustainability alongside their technical tasks. Our students have demonstrated remarkable creativity, critical thinking, and technical skills. We commend our Year 7 students for their impressive efforts and look forward to seeing their continued growth.



# Sport

This term has been an exciting time for our sports teams, with numerous groups proudly representing our college in various competitions. Our girls' basketball team achieved an impressive feat by making it to the statewide finals, finishing 7th overall. The boys' indoor cricket team clinched victory at a day carnival, and our boys' statewide soccer team has advanced to the next round, set to compete early in Term 3. We've also had enthusiastic participation in 9-a-side AFL, netball, mountain biking, futsal, indoor cricket, basketball, and soccer. Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming challenges in Term 3 and 4, where our teams will compete in touch football, 5-a-side soccer, volleyball, AFL, cricket, and basketball. Go team!







We were very excited to host the Big Ideas Challenge in our Performing Arts Centre, and welcomed students from other participating schools to join us in the incredible journey of innovation and creativity!

Facilitated by Future Anything, the Big Ideas Challenge was a fast-paced and hands-on day of listening, learning, and doing. Students heard from inspiring changemakers before ideating, prototyping, and pitching their own innovative solutions to a real-world issue that mattered to them.

Our students made it to the final 'Shark Tank' presentations! Well done to all students involved!

## Big Ideas Challenge

## Uniform Reminders

As we head into the winter break, we would like to remind everyone about our school uniform policy, particularly as the weather cools down. Please remember that school jumpers or the softshell jacket are the only acceptable outerwear items to be worn on campus.

We kindly ask families to visit the uniform shop during the school holiday break if additional items are needed to ensure students are properly prepared for the colder weather upon their return. The uniform shop [Belgravia Apparel](#) will be open over the holiday break.

## AFL Indigenous Guernsey Competition

As part of the Connect program, our Year 7 students recently had the unique opportunity to participate in an AFL Indigenous Guernsey design competition. This creative and educational project allowed students to explore and celebrate Indigenous culture while expressing their artistic talents. Each student designed a guernsey that reflected their understanding and appreciation of Indigenous heritage, incorporating traditional symbols and stories.

Congratulations to our winners Ty, Katy and Alex!





# Key Dates Term 3

Mon, 22 July	Start of Term 3
Tues, 30 July	Course Counselling Information Night
Sun 28 July - Sat 10 Aug	South Korean Homestay
Mon 5 Aug	SALA Opening Exhibition
Tues, 13 Aug	Governing Council
Wed, 21 Aug	Year 8 Subject Selection Conference
Wed, 28 Aug	Morialta Music Showcase
Mon, 2 Sept	School Closure Day
Tues, 3 Sept	Student Free Day
Tues, 10 Sept	Governing Council
Wed, 11 Sept	Year 7 Student Led Conferences
Fri, 27 September	End of Term 3, Early Dismissal 2.20pm

## 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



Join us, and select the links above to follow our social channels above to view more photos as well as ongoing updates and happenings at the college!

