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Morialta Messages

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Dear Morialta Secondary College community,

As we reflect on the conclusion of 2024, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the many accomplishments and milestones achieved by the Morialta Secondary College community. This year marked our second year as a college, and what a remarkable journey it has been.

We began 2024 with the excitement of welcoming our second cohort of students and embracing the full potential of our modern facilities. From academic growth to co-curricular successes, our students have exemplified our core values of *Belong, Achieve, Become*.

In a significant leadership transition, we farewell Sarah Chambers, who has been appointed Principal of Adelaide Botanic High School. Sarah has been an integral part of our college's startup phase, and her contributions will leave a lasting legacy. We warmly congratulate her on this achievement and wish her every success in her new role. At the same time, I am delighted to announce Tahlia Harman as our new Deputy Principal. Tahlia's promotion from her role as Assistant Principal reflects her exceptional dedication and leadership within our college, and I am confident she will continue to make a positive impact in this new capacity.

Highlights of the year include vibrant events like our Sports Day, which saw South claim victory with a spirited comeback, and the Twilight Sessions: Arts Collective, showcasing the incredible creativity and passion of our students. Additionally, we welcomed our first international students, strengthening the cultural fabric of our college.

As we celebrated individual and collective achievements during the End of Year Assembly, it was clear that our students' dedication, the unwavering support of our staff, and the encouragement of our families have been pivotal in making 2024 a year to remember.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey. We look forward to an even brighter 2025, filled with continued growth, new opportunities, and shared success.

Kind regards,

Roley Coulter
Principal





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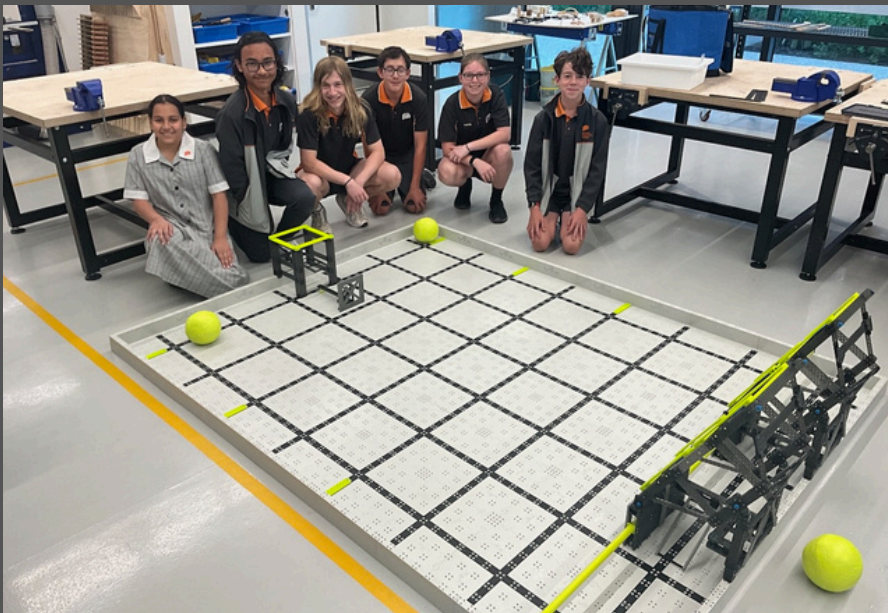
Technologies

The STEM Club at Morialta Secondary College is the place to be! Meeting twice a week — Tuesdays at lunch and Fridays before school — our enthusiastic students are exploring exciting STEM activities and making amazing progress.

Recently, the team completed the assembly of their VEX IQ playing field, setting the stage for some serious robotics action!

Beyond that, they’re unleashing their creativity on electronics projects, crafting ingenious designs using BBC micro:bits.

Whether you’re a tech whiz, a curious learner, or just love hands-on fun, the STEM Club welcomes everyone. Reach out to Tim Donhardt for more information.



Student Leadership

Our student council has been hard at work, forming subcommittees to focus on projects they are passionate about. These student-led initiatives will span the rest of this year and into the beginning of 2025. Each committee has presented their plans to the Principal Forum and received constructive feedback to refine their projects. Here’s a summary of the fantastic work they are doing:

- **Active Engagement Committee:** This team aims to boost student involvement through sports and lunchtime activities.
- **Sustainable Legacy Committee:** Focused on sustainability and beautification, this group is considering ways to maintain our existing garden spaces and expand into new areas like a productive vegetable garden.
- **Innovative Learning Committee:** This committee is working on enhancing our learning environment by gathering student feedback on curriculum and assessment and exploring peer support models.
- **Community Committee:** With a focus on giving back, this team is planning fundraising events that align with existing school activities or significant dates in 2025. They aim to build community spirit while supporting charitable causes.
- **Wellbeing Committee:** Dedicated to improving student wellbeing, this group is exploring ways to enhance the Connect Program, focusing on emotional literacy and student-teacher connections.

These subcommittees have already shown tremendous initiative and creativity, and we are excited to see their projects take shape. Thank you to our student leaders for their commitment to making our school community better for everyone!



This term, Performing Arts Leaders have also been actively involved in organising the Twilight Sessions: Arts Collective, contributing to poster design, food truck concepts, location planning, and stage setup. They MC'd the night to create an engaging experience for the audience.

Additionally, they participated in a workshop for our 2025 Band Program, helping to shape its direction and select the types of bands available for students next year.

Their leadership and creativity have been so valued and the [2025 Band Program can be found here.](#)



Stretch Program

The MSC Literary and Cultural Studies Year 8s had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Once Upon a Festival at Immanuel College in Week 3 to celebrate two years of 'stretching' their minds, knowledge and skills in English and Humanities! Students had the opportunity to work with Australian authors, poets and graphic artists, such as Candice Fox, Lil Wilkinson, Michael Gerard Bauer, Sean Williams and more. They learnt about 'The Mechanics of Crime', 'Building Stories', 'Fantastic Fiction', just to name some of the workshops and presentations they were lucky enough to attend and participate in. Many of our students left the Festival with literary ideas and ambitions of their own, and even learnt about publishing options for their creative products. It has been an absolute pleasure working with this group of students over the past two years – they have grown in knowledge, understanding and ability – and their dedication to their own learning is admirable. This group represented Morialta with pride – which I'd like to thank them for – and we trust they emerged from this literary experience with a broader understanding of how to create story!



Earlier this term, Year 7 stretch students engaged in a workshop where their learning focused on energy transfers and transformations. Students explored these scientific phenomena through experimenting with different materials and designing housing features with the aim of keeping interior living conditions cool during a hot South Australian summer. Students were challenged to engage in collaborative role-play to work in groups where each student had a specific 'occupation' within their engineering firm – scientific researcher, chief engineer and project manager/communications. Each engineering firm had to build and test the thermal properties of a model house, investigate thermal absorption properties of different coloured materials, plan and budget the purchase of new materials to modify their house, design and construct their house modifications, test their modified houses to assess improved thermal properties and then pitch their final product to the class. The year 7 stretch students worked brilliantly across all aspects of this real-world learning experience. Thank you to Miss Rice for leading this workshop on the day.

Sports Day 2024

Our second-ever Sports Day saw North, South, East, and West bring their competitive spirit to the field. Despite a wet start, the day turned into a success, with students giving it their all across a wide variety of events. The biggest comeback of the day? South (Blue), who, after finishing last in 2023, stormed to victory this year, proudly claiming the coveted Sports Day Shield. A huge congratulations also goes to our individual year-level champions: Ilia and Joshua (Year 7) and Angel and Xander (Year 8). What an incredible display of talent and determination!



Twilight Sessions: Arts Collective

Morialta Secondary College came alive under the evening sky for our inaugural Twilight Sessions: Arts Collective. This unforgettable event celebrated the extraordinary artistic talents of our students, bringing together creativity, community, and culinary delights in one magical night. The evening showcased a variety of student-led performances, art displays, and interactive experiences, each reflecting the dedication, passion, and innovation of our talented young artists. Captivating musical and theatrical performances highlighted the vibrant creativity that thrives within our college. The electric atmosphere of the Twilight Sessions was a testament to the power of the arts in bringing people together. We're immensely proud of our students and their efforts in making this event a resounding success.



Audiences were transported down the rabbit hole with our captivating production of "The Real Story of Alice in Wonderland" by Kristen Doherty. Our talented student performers truly shone as they brought characters to life, each adding their unique flair to this fresh twist on a timeless story. A thank you goes out to everyone who made this production possible — our dedicated performers who poured their passion and energy into every rehearsal, the backstage crew whose precision brought the vision to life, and, of course, the supportive audience who came to cheer them on.

The Real Story of Alice in Wonderland



Uniform Update

Morialta Secondary College is updating its Dress Code to enhance community pride and practicality for various learning environments.

Key changes effective from 2025:

- Underlayer Garments: Must not be visible. The charcoal underlayer shirt is not allowed under short-sleeve tops or dresses.
- New Uniform Items:
 - Long Sleeve Sports Polo
 - Long Sleeve Dress
 - White Long Sleeve Shirt (unchanged)

Year 9 Update:

From 2025, Year 9 students will change for double PE lessons to uphold hygiene and uniform standards. Private changerooms and toilet cubicles are available. Families are encouraged to purchase a drawstring PE bag.

Uniform Shop:

Our uniform provider, Noone Uniform, offers new items at noone.com.au/school/morialta-secondary-college. The shop (10 Newton Road, Campbelltown) is open from January 6.

For further information about our dress code please see our website [School policies - Morialta Secondary College](#).

Thank you for your support



This year, we celebrated our student poets in our inaugural Write me a Revolution! Performative poetry competition. As part of their learning in English in Term 3, students were challenged to write their own poems to explore an important theme or issue in our society, using the voice, perspective and attitude of an adopted persona. Fifteen year 8s performed their poems for their peers – and the adjudication was difficult, to say the least. Students explored issues like body image, the unattainability of perfection, the impact of conflict on the human soul and experience, and so much more. This year, our winners were:

1st Chloe with a feminist reframing of Eve's 'fall'

2nd Dasha as a soldier exploring the human cost of conflict

3rd Lucy adopting the voice of a soldier suffering from PTSD

The People's Choice winner was Tushar who adopted the voice of a young man trying to find his place in the world, and finally, Jasmin won the prize for the most important issue or interesting perspective in her reflection of the impact of a narcissistic personality disorder on a relationship.

Write me a Revolution! Performative Poetry Competition

SUBJECT AWARDS

Student Award Recipients 2024

The Morialta Secondary College community gathered for the 2024 End of Year Assembly, marking the conclusion of another remarkable year. The assembly was a celebration of growth and achievements in our college’s second year and recognised individual student achievements.

Awards were presented to students who excelled academically, athletically, and in leadership roles, highlighting their dedication and perseverance. Their accomplishments exemplify the values of Morialta Secondary College: Belong, Achieve, Become.



L to R: Josh (Year 7 English), Ruby (Year 8 Italian), Sedrah (Year 8 HASS), Chloe (Year 8 English).
Absent: Lucas (Year 7 Italian), Gurleen (Year 7 HASS)

English, HASS & Italian



L to R: Sakuna (Year 7 Science), Angel (Year 8 Science)
Absent: Matt Tsui (Year 7 Mathematics), Chamith Samarawickrama (Year 8 Mathematics)

Mathematics & Science



L to R: Amelia (Year 7 Digi Tech), Hannah (Year 7 Design Tech), Casey (Year 7 Food Tech), Ashlyn (Year 8 Digi Tech), Bria (Year 8 Food Tech), Katie (Year 8 Design Tech)

Technologies



L to R: Sy (Year 8 Art), Sophie (Year 7 Art), Yashica (Year 7 Drama), Rose (Year 7 Music), Elizabeth (Year 8 Music), Dania (Year 8 Drama)

Performing Arts



Sarika (Year 7)
Absent: Bardia (Year 8)

HPE

Performing Arts Award



L to R: Rose (Year 7), Caylan (Year 8)



L to R: Trinity (Year 7), Audrey (Year 8),
Xander (Year 8), Ty (Year 7)

Sports Award

COLLEGE COMMUNITY AWARDS



Back row (L to R): Ilia, (Year 7), Sam (Year 8), Eliza (Year 7), Sam (Year 8), Abby (Year 8)
Front row (L to R): Giuseppe (Year 7), Sudiksha (Year 8), Tom (Year 7), Issac (Year 7)
Absent: Eva (Year 7), Marcus (Year 8)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Back row (L to R): Ella, (Year 8), Ashlyn (Year 8), Ruby (Year 8), Sedrah (Year 8), Chloe (Year 8), Sakuna (Year 7), Lilah (Year 7), Hannah (Year 7), Katy (Year 7)

Front row (L to R): Avina (Year 7), Aaradhya (Year 7), Dilara (Year 8), Angel (Year 8), Dasha (Year 8), Madeleine (Year 7)



YEAR LEVEL AWARDS

(L to R): Joshua (Year 7), Milla (Year 8)

Morialta Citizenship Award



Lilah Grubb

L to R: Dasha (Year 8), Aaradhya (Year 7)



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS