



# MORIALTA MESSAGES

Morialta Secondary College Newsletter



## Principal's Update

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Morialta Secondary College

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Dear Morialta Secondary College Community,

As we conclude Semester 1, I am delighted to share the achievements and developments within our college that have occurred so far in 2025. This semester has been filled with achievements across the community thanks to the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and community.

We proudly welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students, marking a milestone as we are now at full capacity for this year level. Thank you to our year 7 students and your families for your work making the big adjustment to starting secondary school.

Our end of Semester 1 academic reports highlight the outstanding achievements of many students across our student cohort. Students routinely demonstrate excellence in their studies at Morialta Secondary College and we commend them for their hard work and dedication. Photos from our final whole school assembly for the semester can be found later in these messages.

## Principal's Update, cont.

There are too many highlights to mention in one article but I would like to highlight the following:

- Once again our Student Led Conferences have been a resounding success, with excellent engagement from students, parents, and caregivers. These conferences provided a platform for students to reflect, set personal and academic goals, and assess their learning dispositions and capabilities.
- The college's inaugural musical was a great success showcasing incredible engagement from our students. Weekend and after-school rehearsals culminated in great performances. A special thanks to Michaela Moors and our performing arts leader Tim Moors for their leadership, and to all staff and students involved.
- Our co-curricular sport program has expanded to include a Friday night volleyball program. We extend our gratitude to parent volunteer coaches, team managers, and Bryce Wait and Paul Eckermann for their leadership in this initiative.
- This term, our Year 9 students and their teachers excelled in the Inspire Live Exhibition. The 'Waste to Wonder' projects, Visual Arts pieces, and the Covid 2025 student-written drama and music production showcased the creativity and collaborative skills developed through the Inspire courses.

We are pleased to announce several staffing updates:

- Samuel Horsell joins us from Term 3 as our Senior School Leader, bringing expertise from Marryatville High to lead our SACE, VET, and tailored learning programs.
- Shae Perilli has won a tenured leadership position as Wellbeing Leader, taking over from our foundation Wellbeing Leader Jamie Cuconits. Shae has already made significant contributions to student and family support.
- Adam Downey will join us as a Wellbeing Leader starting in 2026, and will work closely with Shae to enhance our wellbeing initiatives.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2026 Community Timetable feedback process. Your insights are invaluable and will guide our staff in finalising the timetable next term. We will share the final model in preparation for 2026.

Thank you to all staff and students for smoothly navigating the semester changeover. Our Year 9 students are now experiencing their second group of elective subjects, broadening their learning experiences. It has been terrific to see the breadth of year 9 electives come to life over the course of semester 1.

As we move into Term 3, students in Years 8 and 9 will focus on pathway planning and course selections in preparation for Course Counselling and Student Led Conferences in Week 5. We encourage all parents and students to attend these conferences to discuss course selections and pathway planning.

Wishing all our families a safe and enjoyable term break.

Kind regards,  
Roley Coulter  
Principal, Morialta Secondary College



## KEY DATES

### TERM THREE

**27 Jul:** Korean Study Tour  
(Week 2/3)

**4 Aug:** SALA Exhibition  
(Week 3)

**9 Aug:** National Science Week  
(Week 4)

**18 Aug:** Book Week  
(Week 5)

**20 Aug:** Year 8 & 9 Student Led  
Conferences Course Counselling  
(Wed, Week 5)

**22 Aug:** Book Week Parade  
(Fri, Week 5)

**1 Sep:** School Closure Day  
(Mon, Week 7)

**2 Sep:** Student Free Day  
(Tues, Week 7)

See our [College Calendar](#) on the  
Morialta Secondary College website  
for more key dates.

*Thank you Sina from our SSO team  
for this photo taken this morning!*





# NEW STUDY STUDIO LAUNCHING Week 1, Term 3

We're pleased to introduce our new Study Studio running every Tuesday after school from 3:15pm to 4:00pm in the library, starting Week 1 of Term 3.

All students are welcome to attend. The Study Studio provides a supportive environment for students to extend and challenge themselves, get help with homework, revisit key concepts, or prepare for upcoming assessments.

It will be supported each week by senior leaders Aija Mee (Mathematics, Science and Numeracy) and Tanja Gehren (English, HaSS, Languages, Literacy and EALD). Teachers may also recommend students attend to support learning progress through regular check-ins.

We look forward to seeing students make the most of this valuable opportunity.



## YEAR 8 ARTS INSPIRE Magill Kindergarten

MSC's connection with Magill Kindergarten continues to strengthen, with the continued Year 8 Arts Inspire buddy visits happening twice per term. Students have developed deepened understandings of the age group, conducting research to answer the question, 'what arts based activities bring kindergarten aged students joy'? Students use this gained knowledge to develop an arts based activity or product that can be brought back to the kindergarten at the end of their Inspire unit. During this semester, students have had great success, creating puppet shows, devising 3D Play-Doh game shows, sand pit extravaganza toys and activities, and engaging, immersive picture books. Well done to all involved in semester 1.

*Talia Dawson, Visual Art Teacher*







## COLLEGE CLUBS SERIES: Debating Club

Our Year 8 Debating team recently showcased their talent by bouncing back from an initial loss to triumph over Roma Mitchell in a thrilling debate on wave pools and surfing. Special congratulations to Avina, who was awarded Speaker of the Night for her exceptional performance as a third speaker. Currently, our teams are exploring media transparency in criminal cases and researching legal and media institutions, further enhancing their critical thinking skills.

Students, are you ready to elevate your public speaking skills and engage in thought-provoking discussions? Join MSC's Debating Club each Wednesday at lunchtime in SG-05, led by Mr Venning, Claire Parker and Alex Carter.

For a complete schedule of our clubs and activities, please visit our [Clubs and Activities Guide](#). We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of their time at Morialta Secondary College.







# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

## Recognising Excellence in Leadership

On Monday 12 May we held a student leadership breakfast event for families to celebrate our new Student Council and House Leaders for 2025/26. These students were also recognised at year level assemblies. We look forward to our leaders getting underway with projects and activities across the college.



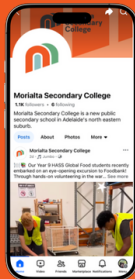
## MORIALTA SECONDARY COLLEGE 2024 YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW!

We are thrilled to announce that the 2024 Morialta Secondary College Yearbook is now on sale! This yearbook is a wonderful way to relive the memorable moments and achievements of 2024. Purchase your copy through QKR, including your students Connect class. We anticipate delivery in Week 2 of Term 3, so you can look forward to receiving your yearbook soon. Don't miss this chance to own a cherished keepsake of our school's vibrant community and events. Order your yearbook today and treasure the memories for years to come!



### CONNECT WITH US!

Follow us on social media!  
Our social media channels, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), regularly share important reminders and exciting stories before they appear in the Morialta Messages.  
Join our online community to stay informed today!







## BREAKFAST CLUB

### Wednesday mornings at MSC

This term, MSC launched a new initiative, Breakfast Club, and it's quickly become one of my favourite parts of the week. We are incredibly grateful to Foodbank for sponsoring the food, helping us make this opportunity possible for our students. Running every Wednesday morning, it has been lovely seeing students arrive early to help set up and stay back to tidy up, taking real ownership of the space.

Our volunteers organise toast and cereal stations, lay out fruit platters and fruit cups, and share a chat. It's been wonderful to see new friendships forming, and it's also given staff a chance to connect with students outside the classroom.

A favourite moment was the morning students carefully balanced fruit cups into a colourful tower, testing different ways to make it stable and sparking laughter! What started as a simple idea has grown into something that genuinely feels like community. I'm so proud of the positivity and dedication our students have shown in making Breakfast Club a welcoming place for everyone. A huge thank you to the student volunteers and staff who have supported Breakfast Club this term, it wouldn't be the same without you.

*Sandra Barazin, Breakfast Club Organiser*



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Congratulations Haru!

Congratulations to Haru Lee who successfully entered a beautifully designed poster in the South Australian Refugee Week Student Poster Exhibition. With over 300 entries in the competition, it is a huge accomplishment for Haru, with her work being one of the final 60 final artworks selected. You can view Haru's artwork at the Adelaide Festival Centre until Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

Well done Haru, we can't wait to see what you create in the future!







# END OF SEMESTER: Celebrating Student Achievements

At the end of semester 1 we recognise student academic achievements through merit and distinction awards, calculated through student's grade point averages. Congratulations to the students listed on their awards.

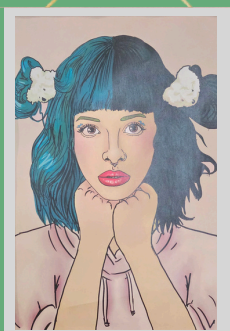
CALLING ALL  
ARTISTS

# SALA

## SALA AT MSC: Entries closing soon!

Morialta Secondary College is excited to be hosting a SALA exhibition of student artworks in Week 3, Term 3. Students are invited to enter up to 2 pieces of artwork displaying their interpretation of the theme, "Imagine, Create, Inspire". Artwork can be made using a range of materials, including but not limited to pencil, watercolour, paint, paper, canvases, 3D sculpture, crochet, digital etc, and can be framed or unframed. Artworks up to A1 size will be accepted and all entries are automatically affiliated with the celebrated, South Australian Living Artists (SALA). Exciting prizes will be awarded to winning entrants, but **entries are only open until Wednesday 23 July (Week 1, Term 3)**. Make the most of this spectacular opportunity by creating your artwork and filling in the entry form via the link below (or see Ms Dawson or Shae).

[Scan code or click here](#)



Yr 7 Distinctions



Yr 7 Merits



Yr 7 & 8 Pillar



Yr 8 Distinction



Yr 8 Merit







## da Vinci Decathlon

Earlier in the term, a group of 8 brilliant Year 7 students competed against 23 teams of students in the da Vinci decathlon. Morialta Secondary College was the only public school participating in this highly competitive event, which is a full day of challenges across 10 academic categories. The students worked exceptionally well together as a team, supporting and encouraging each other throughout the day. Their results are testament to the hard work and quality thinking that they applied. Morialta placed third in the category of Art and Poetry, and first in the Engineering Challenge! Congratulations to the student team. You should all be very proud of yourselves.



## Big Science Competition

This term students had the opportunity to nominate themselves into the Big Science Competition, which is a national online competition where students test their science knowledge, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Of the 20 students that participated, many demonstrated high levels of achievement at their year level, including the following exceptional results:

### High distinction (top 5% of the country)

- Lilah Grubb (Y8)
- Xander Silis (Y9)

### Distinction (next 10%)

- Vincent Babourina-Brooks (Y9)
- Yashva Ramkirubagar (Y9)

Congratulations to all who participated in striving for their personal best.

### Yr 9 Distinctions



### Yr 9 Merits



### Yr 9 Pillar



## END OF SEMESTER Awards, cont.

**Pillar Awards:** Certificates are awarded to students for exceptional displays of the college values; Belong, Achieve and Become.





## MSC's Musical Slam Dunk!

High School Musical is one of those musicals that everyone knows, so it was no wonder that MSC's production sparked huge excitement and attracted an extraordinary number of interested students, setting the tone for an unforgettable inaugural musical.

Bringing this production to life over the past 6 months has been a mammoth effort from everyone involved. With 80 students onstage, 60 behind the scenes and 10 in the band, I could not have asked for a more talented and dedicated group of students and staff to work alongside of.

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked so hard to get this musical off the ground. It was a whirlwind of an experience and one that will not be forgotten by students, staff and audience members alike.

*Michaela Moors, Musical Director*

Did you come along to our musical? We would love a testimonial from you! Send an email to [dl.1920.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1920.info@schools.sa.edu.au) or leave a comment on our social media!

