



MORIALTA MESSAGES

Morialta Secondary College Newsletter
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A Message from our Principal

As we come to the end of Term 3, it is wonderful to reflect on what has been an incredibly full and rewarding two terms at Morialta Secondary College.

Across Terms 2 and 3, our students have embraced opportunities to learn, perform, compete, create and connect.

We have celebrated outstanding achievements across academics, sport, debating, music and the Arts, alongside memorable experiences including SALA, Science Week, Book Week and our International Korean Study Tour.

What continues to make me most proud is the way our students approach these opportunities with enthusiasm, courage and a willingness to support one another. As our College grows, so too does the breadth of experiences available to our young people, helping them to develop confidence, build connections and strengthen their sense of belonging.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, families and wider community for the important role you play in supporting our students and contributing to the culture of our College.

I hope you enjoy this special edition of Morialta Messages and celebrating just some of the many achievements from Terms 2 and 3. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to another exciting Term 4.

Roley Coulter
Principal

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SALA 2026 - WHIMSICAL WONDERLAND

What a fantastic celebration of creativity, community and student talent at Morialta Secondary College! Our recent SALA Exhibition brought together 100 student artworks from 77 exhibiting artists, showcasing the imagination and incredible Visual Arts talent of our young people.

We were delighted to welcome contributions from East Torrens Primary School, Stradbroke School, Thorndon Park Primary School and Magill Kindergarten, creating a wonderful opportunity for connection across our local community. A special thank you to artist Zinia King, who shared her creativity and expertise through workshops with our students and participating schools, helping inspire some of the wonderful work celebrated throughout the exhibition. Our opening event was a fantastic evening, centred around our students and their achievements. Thank you to our wonderful opening speakers and musicians, everyone who helped bring the exhibition to life, and the families, friends, schools and community members who came along to support our young artists.

Congratulations to our SALA 2026 Award recipients:

Middle School

Highly Commended – Deona J | Under the Sea
Highly Commended – Jack B | The Flying Sunset
First Place – Penelope B | Owl Cat

Senior School

Highly Commended – Ember F | What a Wonderland
Highly Commended – Maya H | Massive Attack
First Place – Lilah G | Together Under the Stars

On Theme Awards

Xinyi Z | You Told Me the Moon Was Pretty Tonight
Bethany E | Her Living Wonderland
Bella-Rose CR | Flora

Principal's Award

Shaun M | TTA Ep1 An Explosive Star

People's Choice Award

Mimi J | Moonlit Blossoms

Congratulations to every student who exhibited their work. We hope you are proud of your efforts of expressing yourselves and sharing your artistic talents.



DA VINCI DECATHLON

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 9 teams for their outstanding effort at the 2026 State Da Vinci Decathlon! Across two days, our students represented Morialta Secondary College with enthusiasm, creativity and collaboration, taking on challenging tasks in engineering, mathematics, art and poetry, code breaking, and more.

Competing against schools such as Pulteney Grammar, Prince Alfred College, Loreto College, Scotch College, Glenunga International High School, Westminster School and many others, our teams demonstrated impressive teamwork and resilience.

We are proud to share that our Year 9 team achieved second place in the Art and Poetry challenge. While we didn't place in other disciplines, we are extremely proud of all our students for their positive attitude, commitment, and the way they supported one another throughout the competition.

Thank you to all staff and families for your support — these experiences truly foster a love of learning and school pride.



EVERY DROP COUNTS

Year 7 Geography



Jade Cornish, an education specialist presented to the Y7 cohort as part of their studies in Geography.

Jade outlined how SA manages its water, the importance of using water sensibly and demonstrated how water can be treated (see images, students holding filters used in demo).presentation greatly enhanced students understanding of our states most precious resource and gave them some great context for their upcoming fieldwork report in which they will analyse the water quality of Thorndon Park.

DISCOVERING JAPANESE AT MSC

This year, Japanese has been introduced at MSC, starting at Year 7. Students have been learning Japanese greetings, numbers, jikoshoukai (self-introductions), hiragana, and about various aspects of Japanese culture. In Term 2 Week 4, opportunities were extended to the whole school to immerse themselves in Japanese culture through a range of activities hosted by Claire-sensei and Monica-sensei.

On Monday, all Year 7s, I Class, and members of the Japanese Language and Culture Club, participated in a Taiko Drumming workshop. Kiyomi-sensei joined us from EZ Japanese and taught the students the art of Taiko Drumming.

On Tuesday, the Japanese and Visual Art faculties held a Manga incursion with local artist Tsunami Hee Ja. Students from Years 7 to 10 had the opportunity to attend and develop their Manga skills under Tsunami's guidance!

On Wednesday and Thursday, Monica-sensei and the Japanese Language and Culture Club hosted film viewings at lunchtime, where students enjoyed Japanese Anime.

On Friday, Monica-sensei, Claire-sensei and the Japanese Language and Culture Club hosted MSC's first Matsuri (festival)! Students practised their kendama skills, constructed beautiful origami creations, and competed in Superball Sukui.

We look forward to more celebrations of Japanese language and culture in 2027!



BEYOND THE BOOK - HUNGER GAMES

Year 9 English

As part of their English studies this term, Ms Katie Olds' and Ms Amelia Nakone's Year 9 classes collaborated in an exciting and immersive simulation of The Hunger Games, which is the central focus of their novel study for Term 2.

Students were grouped into 'districts' and, in the spirit of the novel, selected 'tributes' to volunteer and compete in a series of challenges. These tasks tested not only athleticism, but also recall, sensory perception, and scavenging skills, bringing the fictional world of Panem to life in an engaging, hands-on context. This interactive experience enabled students to deepen their understanding of the key themes and ideas explored in The Hunger Games. It encouraged collaboration, critical thinking and strategic planning, while providing the chance for students to develop empathy by stepping into the roles of characters.

The practical nature of the event enabled students to make authentic connections between the literature and real-life skills. Congratulations to Ilia K, who emerged victorious as our Hunger Games champion! Well done to all involved for your enthusiasm and creativity throughout this learning experience.





DEBATING SUCCESS

Across Terms 2 and 3, Morialta's debating teams have demonstrated resilience, teamwork and impressive growth in the 2026 Debating SA Competition.

Year 7 Goats secured two victories and demonstrated composure and determination in two narrow defeats. Congratulations to Reet S and Amir B, who each received Speaker of the Night awards. The team's confidence, reasoning and teamwork have grown tremendously throughout the season.

Year 8 Tigers, Lions and Cheetahs have enjoyed an outstanding season, securing 12 wins between them. With most students new to debating, their progress in mastering definitions, rebuttals and fallacies has been impressive. Congratulations to Speaker of the Night recipients Ben C, Penelope B, Iba M, Devona J, Kaylah P, Akshara S and Elora M. With one round remaining, the Cheetahs are in contention to become MSC's first team to reach the Debating SA finals!

Year 9 Tigers tackled challenging topics and experienced opponents, securing a victory against Gleeson College. Congratulations to Avina S on receiving Speaker of the Night in Round 2. Although finals are out of reach, the team has strengthened its argument development and public speaking skills, with one debate remaining.

Year 10 Meerkats, led by captain Tushar J, began with an impressive Round 1 victory. With all other members new to debating, the team has shown determination against experienced opponents and increasingly complex topics. Congratulations to newcomer Sudiksha S on receiving Speaker of the Night. Their final debate will provide valuable experience in the short preparation format ahead of next season.

Congratulations to all our debaters on their dedication, courage and growth throughout the competition. A sincere thank you to our coaches for their guidance and support. We look forward to an even stronger season in 2027!



A SYMBOL OF PEACE

Morialta proudly celebrated the installation of our new Peace Pole, inscribed with May Peace Prevail on Earth in English, Kaurna, Hindi and Mandarin. We were honoured to share this occasion with students, College Prefects, staff and community guests, including Claire Clutterham MP, Matthew Marozzi MP, Deputy Mayor Anna Leombruno, and members of Magill Sunrise Rotary and Morialta Rotary Club. A special thank you to Magill Sunrise Rotary for helping bring this meaningful symbol to our College. Standing proudly at our entrance, the Peace Pole is a lasting reminder of our shared commitment to peace, belonging and community.





SERVING UP STELLAR RESULTS IN VOLLEYBALL

Our U15 Girls Morialta B team were crowned Division 3 **Grand Final Champions**, defeating South I in straight sets, 3-0 (25-11, 25-22, 25-16), with an overall points score of 75-49. The victory followed an outstanding Volleyball SA Schools Cup, where 85 students across 11 teams represented Morialta. Six teams progressed to medal matches, with several others narrowly missing out. MSC finished 7th overall, securing an impressive three gold, one silver and two bronze medals. Special congratulations to our Year 7 Girls Orange, Year 8 Girls Orange and Year 9 Girls teams, who all claimed gold undefeated!



Volleyball SA Schools Cup – Final Results

Year 7 Girls Orange
🥇 Gold – Undefeated

Year 8 Boys
🥈 Silver

Year 7 Girls Grey
🥉 Bronze

Year 9 Girls
🥇 Gold – Undefeated

Year 7 Boys Orange
5th

Year 9 Boys
🥉 Bronze

Year 7 Boys Grey
8th

Year 10 Girls
8th

Year 8 Girls Orange
🥇 Gold – Undefeated

Year 10/11 Boys
9th

Year 8 Girls Grey
7th



A huge thank you to Ash, Bryce, Viv and Taylor, along with our dedicated teachers and SSOs, whose time and support made these opportunities possible.

Congratulations to all 85 students, our Grand Final champions and everyone involved in an outstanding few weeks of volleyball.



MORIALTA HITS THE RIGHT NOTE AT BALAKLAVA!

Our first trip to the Balaklava Eisteddfod was a great experience! Congratulations to our Year 9 band, Broken Lunchbox, who took out the Intermediate Rock Band division. We were also proud to see MSC Funk, Jazz Band, Senior Rock Band and Street Band perform throughout the day.

It was fantastic not only to perform, but to watch other schools and celebrate the incredible musical talent from across South Australia. We look forward to returning next year!





MIDDLE SCHOOLS ART COLLECTIVE

Morialta's Middle Years Arts Collective celebrated two sold-out performances, showcasing the creativity and talent of our students across the Arts.

The performances highlighted our Music curriculum, alongside extra-curricular ensembles from Music and the Musical Theatre Club. Our Year 7 Dance program was also a huge hit, with students delivering a fantastic performance.

It was a wonderful celebration of the Arts at Morialta and an opportunity for our students to share their learning and creativity on stage.

Thank you to our families and wider community for your incredible support, and to the students and staff who made the performances such a success



ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

At our whole school assembly at the end of term 2 we recognised and celebrated the academic achievements of our students from semester 1.

Congratulations to all students who received a merit or distinction award for your commitment and effort across all subjects.





INTERNATIONAL KOREAN STUDY TOUR

What an incredible International Study Tour!

It was a pleasure welcoming students and staff from Chungcheongbuk-do, South Korea, to Morialta Secondary College!

They enjoyed some wonderful Aussie excursions and workshops, including a fun day out at Monarto Safari Park while learning more about our beautiful country.

A heartfelt thank you to our students, host families and staff from both schools for making our visitors feel so welcome. We are incredibly proud of our students for showing what it means to be part of the Morialta community and for creating such a wonderful sense of belonging throughout this memorable experience



SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week brought plenty of curiosity, discovery and fun to Morialta, with students getting involved in activities across the week.

Students put their problem-solving skills to the test in the Science Week Treasure Hunt, followed cryptic clues and tackled daily science challenges. Lunchtimes came alive with hands-on experiments and demonstrations, exploring everything from chemistry and light to electricity and DNA extraction.

Students also enjoyed the Science Short Film Festival, complete with popcorn, before finishing the week with Splash the Staff, raising funds for Morialta Conservation Park.

A fantastic week of science in action!



ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP CONVENTION

Year 10 students, along with two Year 9 students, attended the Active Citizenship Convention at Adelaide Oval, exploring democracy, civic participation and the role young people can play in shaping their communities.

Hosted by Tony Armstrong, the day included guest speakers, interactive activities and a mock election, giving students the opportunity to engage with politicians and community leaders.

Congratulations to Dilara and Matilda, who were selected to participate in the Governor's Roundtable and contributed their perspectives on the power of young people in our democracy.



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

\$814.95 raised!

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought and supported our Wear It Purple Day bake sale. We truly appreciate our Morialta community





BOOK WEEK

Thank you to our wonderful students, staff and families who brought the Symphony of Stories to life as we celebrated Book Week together.

ALBUM LAUNCH

Our accelerated Stage 1 Music students took to the stage to perform live tracks for their class Album Launch - featuring an exciting mix of covers and original music.

A huge thank you to our amazing audience who came along to support our students!

Next stop: the recording studio! Students will now edit their live recordings before heading into a full-day studio session, ready to release their music online.



ROMEO AND JULIET

Our Year 9 Drama students recently took to the stage to perform Kristen Doherty's 20-minute adaptation of Romeo & Juliet for family and friends.

In just a matter of weeks, the students worked incredibly hard to tackle Shakespeare's challenging language, develop their characters, collaborate as an ensemble and put together an entertaining and impressive performance.

Their commitment, teamwork and willingness to take on the challenge resulted in an incredible show. A huge congratulations to all of the students involved. You should be very proud of what you achieved! Well done to everyone involved!



STEPPING INTO THEIR DESIGNS

Year 10 Architecture



Year 10 Architecture students are taking their designs beyond the computer screen by stepping inside their own creations using Virtual Reality.

As part of their Skills Task, students have designed and developed a 3D architectural space using SketchUp, considering layout, scale, materials and the needs of the people who will use the space. They are now using VR to experience their designs at human scale, allowing them to move through the environment and see their work from the perspective of a real user.

The VR experience gives students an opportunity to evaluate aspects such as space, proportion, movement, accessibility and overall user experience, identifying design decisions that work well and areas that could be improved. By combining digital modelling with immersive technology, students are experiencing an authentic architectural design process—designing, testing, evaluating and refining their ideas in ways that closely reflect contemporary design practice.





BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Our Year 8 Music students took to the stage for another fantastic Battle of the Bands, held each semester as part of the Year 8 Music program.

This semester, 14 bands participated, with seven progressing to the finals. With around 50% of students beginning without prior instrumental experience, it was fantastic to see the confidence, musicianship and teamwork they developed along the way.

The support students showed for one another created a great atmosphere, and their teachers were incredibly proud of everyone who stepped up to perform. Congratulations to Sweater Weather, our Battle of the Bands winners!





TERM 3 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our Whole School Assembly was a wonderful way to conclude Term 3, featuring performances from our talented musicians and dancers, student achievements in debating, science and mathematics, and reflections from our Principal, Roley.

A special congratulations to Year 7 student Asmin, who received a prize in the Australian Mathematics Competition, ranking in approximately the top 0.3% of students in her year level - an exceptional achievement beyond a High Distinction! Congratulations to all our students and staff on a fantastic term. We look forward to all that Term 4 will bring!



CELEBRATING OUR SSO TEAM

This term we celebrated our wonderful School Services Officers (SSOs) and the meaningful contribution they make to our students, staff and wider MSC community every day.

Our Leadership Team and teaching staff each brought along a delicious plate to share, creating an incredible spread as we gathered together to recognise and thank our SSO team.

A potted plant was gifted as a special gesture of appreciation and a symbol of the important role they play in helping our students and community grow and thrive.

Our Principal also shared a few words, highlighting that the SSO team we have here at Morialta Secondary College is truly like no other.

To our incredible SSOs - thank you for everything you do, every day. Your care, commitment and support make a meaningful difference across our College community.



LOOKING AHEAD | TERM 4

KEY DATES



27 October: Family Information Night

30 October: World Teacher's Day

9 November: Student Free Day

20 November: Twilight Sessions

27 November: Year 10's Last day

3-4 December: Transition Days

10 December: Middle Years' Assembly

11 December: Pool Day at Norwood
Early Dismissal 2:15 pm

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

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