

Melville Matters 88

December 2019



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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Good luck to our IEC students who graduated in week 10

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From the Principal

Welcome to the final edition of Melville Matters for 2019. Our school is such an exciting and busy place and time just seems to fly by. It seems like only yesterday that we began the year with the celebration of our ATAR results from 2018. I am delighted to note as 2019 draws to a close that our Year 7 and 9 students achieved outstanding NAPLAN results while 100% of our Year 12 students passed their OLNAs, allowing all of them to 'graduate' by completing all components of their WACE. We also believe that 100% of the Class of 2019 satisfied the requirements for Attainment (i.e. scoring an ATAR of 55+ and/or completing a Certificate II or higher). So another great year when defined by these traditional measures of academic success.

These successes have been complemented by significant achievements across the full range of the academic, sporting and cultural domains. In summary, 2019 has seen our students excel in areas such as: the Australian Mathematics Competition; the National Chemistry Quiz, Book in a Day, Word Mania, inter-school debating and the eV Challenge. In addition to this, we won awards galore in the visual and performing arts and across the full range of sports (culminating in a top three place in the School Sports prestigious McMahon Shield). The school also reached the final of the WA Education Awards Secondary School of the Year (for the third time) as well as Principal of the Year Awards before of course wrapping up the year with the highest of achievements - winning the Governor's STEM School of the Year Award for Educational Leadership. So 2019 was a very busy, but also a very successful year!

Parents will receive a Connect notification about the delivery of Semester 2 reports for Years 7 to 11 on or about Wednesday 18th December. Having seen quite a few reports at the time of writing, it is pleasing to note so many successful students. There are however, a small number of students who will be disappointed with their results. In almost every case this is as a consequence of not applying themselves; and/or not completing their assignment work; and/or not attending school regularly. If your child has under-achieved in their results for 2019, please have a look at the percentage attendance figure shown on the last page of the report. If the attendance is less than 91%, not only is your child attending school less regularly on average than their fellow students but they are also placing themselves at risk of under-achieving.

While the overall attendance pattern at Melville SHS is better than state average (in fact our attendance rate is 92%), there are still a small number of students who are not coming to class as regularly as they should. Success at school and attendance go hand in hand so please look at what you can do as a parent to support your child attending school for an average of at least 92% (the school Business Plan target) in 2020. I promise you that their performance will improve if they attend and complete their work.

We are still confirming a number of staffing positions for 2020 so I am unable at this stage to provide a list of who is leaving. Sadly however we will be farewelling a number of staff and on behalf of the Melville Community I wish them the very best of luck, acknowledging from the outset that they will be missed. A list of all changes to staffing will be provided in the first Melville Matters next year.

Finally, on behalf of the School Board, our students, parents and the wider community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Melville SHS for their outstanding efforts throughout 2019. The school has achieved many great successes while providing a comprehensive, I think better than world class, education for all of our students from Years 7 to 12.

Acknowledging that we have once again needed to turn away over 300 students who have applied for cross-boundary enrolment at Melville SHS, I note that in 2020 we will remain at our maximum capacity of just over 1,400 students. With this in mind 2020 promises to be another very exciting year. So until then, and on behalf of all of us here at Melville SHS, have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. For staff and students please have a great break and safe and relaxing holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Phillip White AM, RFD, BA, Grad Dip Ed, MEd (Man)
PRINCIPAL

Gifted and Talented Awards Night

In Week 8, Gifted and Talented students and their families gathered at the Tompkins on Swan Function Centre to celebrate the end of another exciting year in G&T. Awards were given to the top student in each subject plus there were the coveted Citizenship and Ambassador awards.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Maths			
Bhavya Chaudhry	Henarai Kugarajan	Alexander Wong	Zachary Alpers
Science			
Diya Ravjee	Siddhi Luhar	Alexander Wong	Zachary Alpers
HASS			
Sophie Wood	Henarai Kugarajan	Alexander Wong	Zachary Alpers
English			
Diya Ravjee	Henarai Kugarajan	Om Sharma	Zachary Alpers
Citizenship			
Rachel Yeo David	Zoey Tham	Fariha Asha	Xavier O'Brien

Year 11	Year 12
Academic Excellence	Academic Excellence
Ben Seow	Aden Lukan
Citizenship Award*	Pablo Angel Jaramillo
Ambassador Award	Luke Kirkby

*The Citizenship award is for the student who:

- Displays leadership skill, integrity and dependability
- Demonstrates outstanding effort both within the school and the broader community
- Encourages and supports others



Graphic Design Media Showcase

In Week 9, Graphic Design students and their families celebrated the graduating Year 10 class and the year that was in GDM. It was a showcase of diversity, creativity, innovative thinking, rich in STEM and rich in the depth and breadth of expression of ideas and technique.

GDM teachers Ms Beth Glasson, Ms Jenna Antonolli, Mr Lev Vykopal and Teacher in Charge Mr Sam Cavallaro were all thanked for their hard work and dedication. This year, we also said farewell to Mr Lev Vykopal. Clearly from the outpouring of thanks and goodbyes from students and parents, he will be missed by the GDM community. Mr Vykopal was TIC of GDM for the 10 years, with six of these as a Specialist Program.

Lev was also the foundation editor of Melville Matters and established this from the outset as a high quality production. In these and many other things, Lev has made a significant contribution to making Melville the school of choice for our local and wider community.

The graduating Year 10s (below) received a certificate for their accomplishment and trophies were awarded (top right) to the Most Improved, Proxime Accessit, and Dux of each year group, with Charlotte Simmons receiving the Year 10 Dux.



STEM

Melville Tech Team

The newly formed Melville "Tech Team" is a group of students who are the unseen heroes of live events and concerts at the school. The team includes passionate photographers, artists, stage hands and audio & lighting engineers dedicated to making Melville SHS events awesome. It is an opportunity for students to develop their skills and interests in these chosen fields.

The team led by Music Teacher David George includes Isabella Amey, Paige Pownell, Dylan Pearson, Lorna Anderson, Atticus Crappsley-Pope, Ashleigh Sherar and Bevent Yong.



Learning Resource Centre

Reading Program

Over the year, every Year 7 class participated in the Reading Program once a fortnight with our Teacher/Librarians. The team focused on a range of genre throughout the year and encouraged students to read for pleasure. We celebrated top readers in each class at the end of the year with a certificate and small prize. They were:

G&T	Sophie Wood	Arielle Plottke	
7.1	Oscar Tholen	Narumi Fukushima-Harasymo	Alex Liddelow
7.2 :	Markus Jenkins-Hirsiger	Nate Shawscott	Margarette Camama
7.3:	Irish Albina	Angelika Durczak-Anyikwa	Susara Smith
7.4 :	Isabella Edmondson	Elisabeth Smith	
7.5 :	Samuel Buisman	Grace Miles	
7.6 :	Liam Wolfe	Kittikawin Kalinowsky	
7.7 :	May Wate		

Photo right: Arielle and Sophie from the G&T class.



Please note that the Wheelers ebook 'ePlatform' is available for students to access over the summer holidays. The user name is the same as for the school network and the default password is *ebooks*.

Look out for details of our Summer Reading Challenge - the notice and entry sheet will be on the School Space. Students participate by reading a range of books over the holidays and answer a question about each one. Great Canteen Voucher prizes are on offer!

Aviation

Drone Licence

Congratulations to Ben Wheeler and Eli Sewell who have joined the group of Year 10s who have passed their drone licence. There are now 18 students who have completed the qualification.

Awards Night

Over 200 Aviation students and their families attended the awards night in week 8. Guest Speakers included Max Sylvester, who is the student pilot who landed the plane at Jandakot airport when his instructor passed out. He managed to go solo in 2.4 hrs! Pilot Officer Jordie Cook from the RAAF gave a very inspiring speech on joining the flying forces. Royal Flying Doctor Services Supervisory Line Pilot Officer, Drazen Tolic talked about his exciting life in the skies mixing flight with medical emergencies.

Other guests were previous graduates, Thomas Ayoub who now works for QANTAS, Bariq Harb, who is studying Aerospace at Monash Uni, and Liam Kneebone who is a senior flight instructor at Bunbury Flying School.

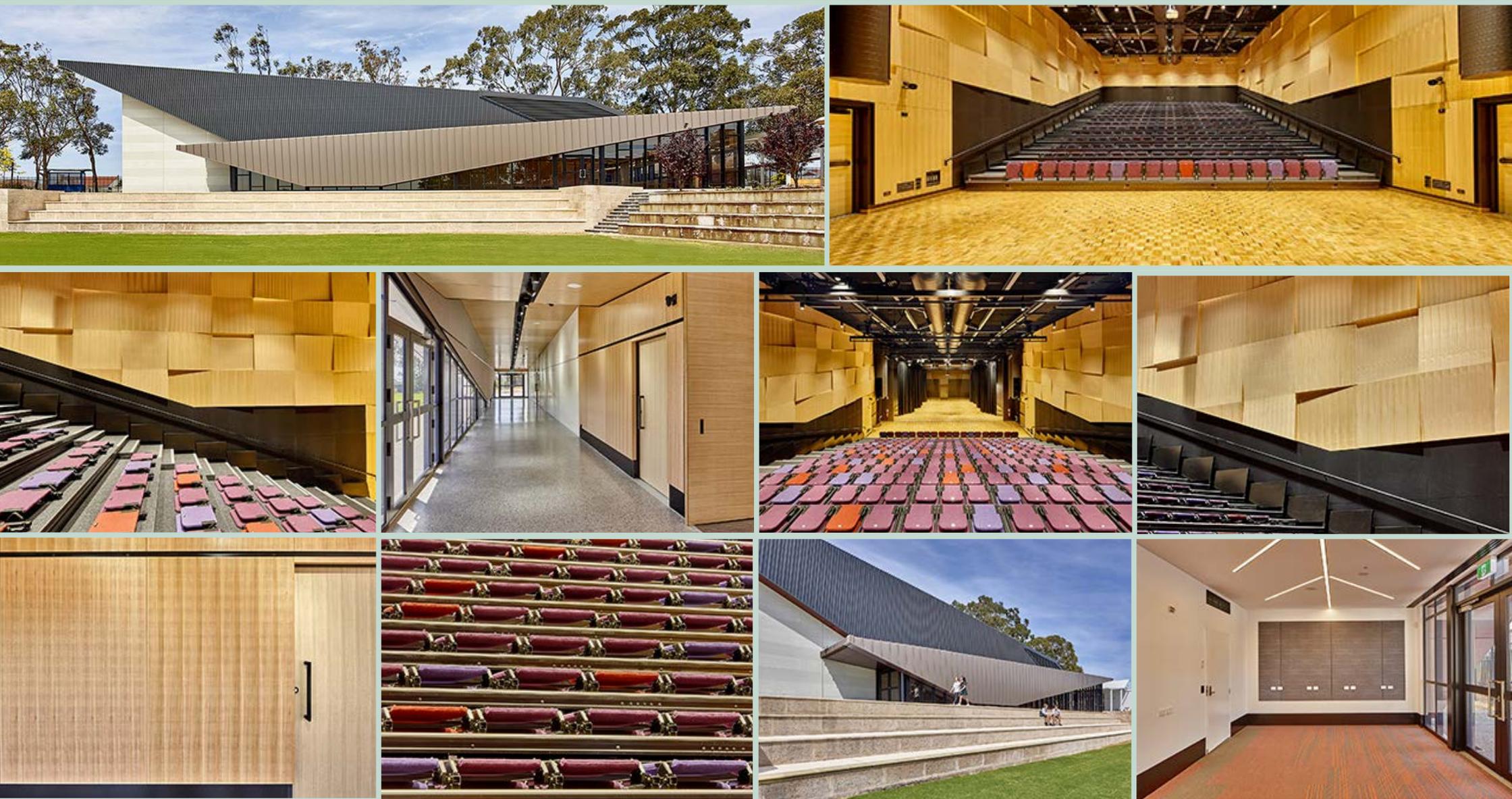
Many thanks to the MASC Aviation parent committee who work tirelessly to make the event happen and also fundraise during the year toward students scholarships to subsidise student flight training.



New Performing Arts Centre

Some lucky parents have already seen performances and events in the newly built Performing Arts Centre. The oval that it overlooks is now being upgraded and will be part of a fabulous view from the auditorium to the city. Photos below show how beautiful it is. Keep an eye out for performances in 2020 and particularly a concert to be held at the end of Term 1.

Photographer: Greg Hocking



Act Belong Commit

Student Activities

This term the ABC Student Well Being committee were extra busy and organised two events. In Week 4 there was a *decorate your own cupcake* activity, where teachers and ABC students baked cupcakes to be decorated with a variety of different toppings. The cost was \$2.00 a cupcake and all funds raised went back into the committee. We raised \$217 in total.

In light of kindness week in Week 6, the committee organised an activity where students were able to write a warm fuzzie to a teacher or student. The committee then distributed the messages to each student. Both activities were a huge success.

Staff Wellness

This term the school had the Random Acts of Kindness Week, which incorporated World Kindness Day. As part of activities staff were encouraged to anonymously leave a small gift and note for another staff member.

Staff also had a Survivor Challenge and a Snap Happy Baby Picture guessing competition that were both a big success.



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IEC Graduation

In week 10, students who have completed a year of Intensive English attend their graduation awards ceremony. This event is attended by parents and family and is emotional and exciting. IEC staff spend many hours creating a power point of photos and perfecting songs and performances by the students.



Attadale Dental Therapy

Please see below for the emergency contacts for the Christmas Holidays when Attadale Dental Therapy is closed. A message will be left on our phone. Could this information also be relayed to your parents via the school newsletter please. We would also like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.
For 20/12/2019 please use Caralee DTC on 9337 6818
For 23/12/2019 - 24/01/2020 please use Mt Henry DTC on 9313 0552
For 28/01/2020 - 31/01/2020 please use Caralee DTC on 9337 6818

Attadale DTC | Dental Health Services, 47 Wichmann Rd, Attadale WA 6156
9330 5876

Year 10 Dinner Dance

In Week 9, Year 10 students had a ball at the dance organised by the Student Services team. Students were dressed beautifully and were very well behaved.



More Year 10 Dinner Dance photos

