

# Melville Matters 95



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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

November- December 2020



Governor's STEM School of the Year



**BEST STEM PROGRAM**  
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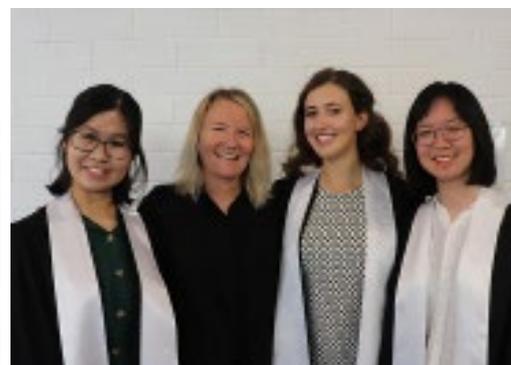
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Melville Senior High School acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the school stands today and pays its respects to the Whadjuk people, and Elders past, present and emerging.





## From the Principal

Welcome to another bumper edition of Melville Matters - the last for 2020. Term 4 is always a very busy time for staff and students with course completion, exams, sports finals, carnivals, concerts, exhibitions, showcases, reports, graduations, inductions, welcomes, parent evenings, and farewells (!) to cram into an already crowded schedule - all the more so this year due to a series of unplanned but necessary postponements and cancellations from earlier in the year necessitated by the government's response to the COVID19 pandemic.

Of particular significance from earlier this term were the farewell activities for our Year 12 students who have successfully completed six years of life at Melville SHS and twelve (or more) years of education. As we have come to expect with Melville students, the class of 2020 have made us all proud with their attitude, behaviour and results.

More recently though, on Wednesday 2 December we were proud to host the Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony where over 800 students, staff, parents, carers, family and friends gathered (with an appropriate social distancing I hasten to add). The event was the usual mixture of happy and sad but was a lovely showcase of just what great students/young adults we have at Melville SHS.

As I said in my address: Under the leadership of Ashleigh McIntyre and Dean Morris as school captains, you have shown on a daily basis that around the yard or in the classroom or on the sporting field or the stage or in the community that you have a great attitude to life. Your well rounded temperament and engaging manner not only make you delightful to be around but also show me just what great group of young adults you are. Remember, you will always be a graduate of Melville Senior School - something I hope you will be proud of now and into the future. We are proud of you!

I noted the following information in the online edition of Melville Matters from earlier this term but it is worth repeating that there are many things for which the Class of 2020 can be proud, including the great resilience they have shown throughout this strange year of heightened anxiety, disruption, postponement and cancellation. As a group and as individuals, our graduating class have shown strength of character as we have needed to modify our normal school routine, while compressing the curriculum and supporting them in managing the anxiety of ATAR exams and/or course completion. The measure of this group has also been the fact that they have done this with maturity and a sense of good natured fun - something I can attest to as I walk around the school and engage with them on a daily basis.

The other measure of our Class of 2020 has been the extent to which they have managed to display their individual and collective talents across the academic, sporting and cultural domains in this most unusual of years. I am delighted to note that 100% of WACE eligible students are on track to achieve their WACE, three students are predicted to achieve an ATAR of 99+ and the cohort is predicted to achieve a median ATAR of 81 - enough to get into any WA university. Furthermore almost 20% of our graduates are predicted to achieve a SCSA Certificate or Distinction or a Certificate of Merit. We also know that the majority of university bound students have been offered an unconditional 'early entry' into their choice of university. Together with the fact that we anticipate 100% Certificate II or III completion shows us what a talented group of resilient students our graduates are. This success in the face of adversity also extends to the sporting domain where the senior girls' volleyball, school swim team, school athletics team and of course the senior boys' soccer have achieved outstanding results under the leadership of our graduating class. In the Arts, our Year 12s have excelled in the Visual and Performing Arts with works displayed in the Youth Perspectives, YO Fest, the Melville Arts Awards, Young Originals and, of course, through our Swing and Concert Bands.

In this last hard copy Melville Matters for 2020, I would like to formally congratulate the Year 12 students for successfully completing their WACE and associated courses of study (ATAR, General or VET) and to thank the teaching staff at Melville SHS for helping to make this happen. I would also like to congratulate all of our students because it hasn't just been our Year 12s who have achieved success in 2020. Indeed across the whole school we have seen outstanding results across the full range of the academic, sporting and cultural domains. As is shown this year in Melville Matters, 2020 has seen our students excel in areas such as: the Australian Mathematics Competition, the National Chemistry Quiz, Book in a Day, Word Mania, the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre Beanstalk poster competition, inter-school debating and the Future Problem Solving Competition as well as in the numerous sporting and cultural/arts events where our school has won awards galore. We also know that in the trending area of STEM, not only were we the 2019/20 WA Governor's STEM School of the Year but we were also a finalist in the Australian Education Awards for Best STEM Program.



Parent/Carers will receive a Connect notification about the delivery of Semester 2 reports for Years 7 to 11 on or about Wednesday 16th 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 (but hopefully not surprised) 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. The solutions here are obvious but don't forget we are all in this together and if you need a hand motivating your child or getting them to school please don't hesitate to get in touch with the relevant Year Coordinator and/or their teacher/s.

There is so much more I could go onto write about but I will leave some for others elsewhere in this edition of Melville Matters. In (almost!) finishing, I am pleased to announce that I can confirm that when I am on leave in Semester 1 next year Mr Paul Cooke will be Principal in Term 1 and Ms Alanna Sherwood in Term 2. Mr Cooke and Ms Sherwood will share the Deputy Principal Strategic and Operational Planning role so, at this stage in our planning, Ms Sandy Olney-Thurstun will be Deputy Principal Middle School as Ms Stephanie McDonald will be returning to the Deputy Principal Student Services job after a two year secondment to Regional Office where she has been supporting schools across the South Metropolitan Area in developing effective pastoral care and engagement programs. Mr Sam Glazbrook will be filling in as the Senior School Manager (Ms Trish Panikoula who has had this role throughout 2019 and 2020 in a fixed term capacity has won a substantive position at another school - for which I congratulate her noting she will be missed) while Ms Sally Narvez, returning from a year's sabbatical, will take on the role of Year 11 and 12 Coordinator (NB: this could all change if Steph McDonald doesn't return but that is the current plan!). In wishing Mr Cooke and Ms Sherwood and the rest of the staff involved the best of luck, I am pleased to note that the school will be in very safe hands while I am away for the first half of 2021!

Finally, on behalf of Mr Paul Richards and the School Board, Mr Jonathan Gayton and the P&C, our students, parents and the wider Melville community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Melville SHS for their outstanding efforts through the very different year that was 2020. All staff have enthusiastically (even heroically) ensured the uninterrupted delivery of the WA Curriculum while also providing as many of the sporting, cultural and civic minded co-curricular events and activities that could be squeezed into a compressed year as is I think possible! As you can see from this Melville Matters, in Term 4 alone we have worked hard to include a multitude of interschool sporting event finals, the School Ball, the Valedictory Ceremony, the Music Showcase, exams (!) and the Sports Dinners (two in fact) while also adding new events such as the very successful STEM BLAST, a community celebration of NAIDOC Week and a Dance Showcase!!!

Acknowledging that we have once again needed to turn away many more students who have applied for cross-boundary enrolment at Melville SHS than we would like, I note that in 2021 we will remain at our maximum capacity of between 1,400 - 1,450 students. With this in mind it 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 and families please have a great break and a safe and relaxing holiday.

As always,  
Kind regards,  
Phillip White AM, RFD, BA, Grad Dip Ed, Med (Man), psc  
PRINCIPAL

## Farewell to our Year 12s

It was worth the wait to have a proper Valedictory celebration in Week 8. It was a wonderful event that provided a fitting tribute to our delightful class of 2020 on the occasion of their graduation. The event was brilliantly coordinated by Year 12 Coordinator Sam Glazbrook who produced a very well run event with the right mix of nostalgia and complex coordination. Sam will become Senior School Manager for Semester 1 2021. The awards proved the talent and dedication of the group of young adults we have at Melville but also what a marvelously caring team of staff.

Mr White said of the night "Last night left me full of pride in our school and our students and also left me (and I think many others) with a sense that our future is safe in the hands of the Melville SHS graduating class of 2020".

More Year 12 photos are on the last two pages of this issue.



## Year 12 Awards Special Awards

	Dux ATAR	Ben Seow	Dux VET	Sam McCullough
<b>Special Awards</b>	P & C Citizenship Award		Dean Morris	
	Caltex All-rounder Award		Ashleigh McIntyre	
	Sam Hurst Memorial Award for Best Sportsman		Samuel McCullough	
	Sam Hurst Memorial Award for Best Sportswomen		Aurora Burling	
	Cultural Award		Dylan Chua-Limargana	
	Academic Excellence Award - Gifted and Talented		Benjamin Seow	
	Gifted and Talented Ambassador Award		Rachael Burns	
	ADF Leadership and Teamwork Award		Natasha Jorgensen	
	ADF Future Innovator Award		Corey Saxon	
	Personal Excellence Award		Isabella D'Alessandro	
	UWA Principal's Citizenship Award		Dean Morris	
	Curtin University Principal's Recommendation Award		Marcus Roberson-Wall and Maen Dofash	
	Best Sportsman		Jack Steele	
	Best Sportswoman		Nicole Robson	

## Subject Awards

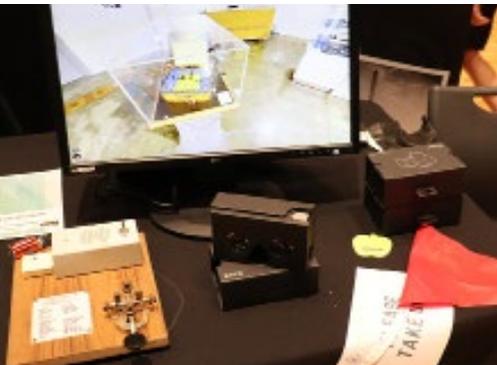
Arts and Technologies	Visual Arts: ATAR	Kita Healy
	Visual Arts: General / Cert II Visual Arts	Rachael Burns
	Certificate II in Dance	Caitlin Hoffmann
	Certificate II in Creative Industries (Live Prod.)	Dylan Chua-Limargana
	Design Graphics : ATAR	Kita Healy
	Cert III in Screen & Media	Ben Oxwell
	Applied Information Technology: ATAR	Corey Saxon
	Music: ATAR (Jazz)	Chujun (Sammi) Xu
	Certificate III in Music Industries	Kevin Yeung
	Food Science and Technology: General	Liam Guarino
	Children, Family and Community: General	Rachael Burns
	Building and Construction: General	Darcy Raven
	Materials, Design and Technology Wood: Gen.	Euan McCann
English	Design Graphics: General	Anastasia Djordjevic
	Certificate II in Engineering Pathways	Corey Saxon
	English: General	Rachael Burns
	English: ATAR	Benjamin Seow
	Literature: ATAR	Eunice Tan
Health & Physical Education	English as an Additional Language: ATAR	Pablo Angel Jaramilo
	Health Studies: General	Rachael Burns
	Health Studies: ATAR	LeAnn Yap
	Certificate II Sport Coaching	Shanae Cammell
	Physical Education Studies: General	Aurora Burling
	Physical Education Studies: ATAR	Jack Steele
	Outdoor Education: General	Reece Maney
VPP	Certificate II Outdoor Recreation	Nicole Robson
	Workplace Learning: General (VPP)	Joseph Davies
Maths	Vocational Pathways Program	Maxwell Harler
	Mathematics Essential: General	Rachael Burns
	Mathematics Applications: ATAR	Eunice Tan
	Mathematics Methods: ATAR	Marcus Robertson-Wall
Science	Mathematics Specialist: ATAR	Marcus Robertson-Wall
	Biology: ATAR	Zarin Tasneem
	Human Biology: ATAR	Esther Tan
	Chemistry: ATAR	Benjamin Seow
	Physics: ATAR	Benjamin Seow
	Integrated Science: General	Tailah Drain
Languages	Chinese Background: ATAR	Eunice Tan
	Chinese: Second Language: ATAR	Shayla Trautman
	Italian Second Language: ATAR	Gabrielle De Guzman
Humanities & Social Sciences	Economics: ATAR	Marcus Robertson-Wall
	Modern History: ATAR	Ashleigh McIntyre
	Politics and Law: ATAR	Eunice Tan
	Accounting and Finance: ATAR	Corey Saxon
	Geography: ATAR	Ashleigh McIntyre
	Certificate II in Business	Francesca Gratton
	Career and Enterprise: General	Allana Alford

## Certificate of Merit

Allana Alford  
 Cody Bishop  
 Elena Bodt  
 Rachael Burns  
 Shanae Cammell  
 Elisabeth Camporeale  
 Ewan Chin  
 Cade Duffy  
 Olivia Garrity  
 Harisheni Gopala Krishnan  
 Alek Grosse  
 Liam Guarino  
 Ethan Hardy-Atkins  
 Kita Healy  
 Ellie Irving  
 Ellis Janson Ferrall  
 Akila Kulasekera  
 Ashleigh McIntyre  
 Elton Miranda  
 Samuel Nancarrow  
 Stephen Omodunbi  
 Jawad Rehman  
 Marcus Robertson-Wall  
 Finn Sangster  
 Corey Saxon  
 Jasmin Stewart  
 Ingo Wurm  
 Sammi Xu

## Certificate of Distinction

Pablo Angel Jaramillo  
 Riley Baumann  
 Maen Dofash  
 Maria Joseph  
 Benjamin Seow  
 Esther Tan  
 Eunice Tan  
 Zarin Tasneem  
 LeAnn Yap





## STEM BLAST

In Week 7, Melville Senior High School hosted its inaugural STEM Blast event in the Performing Arts Centre. STEM Blast culminated our year as the Governor's STEM School of the Year and Australian Education Awards Best STEM Program finalist.

All Learning Areas from the school manned stalls showcasing all sorts of stem-tastic ideas including EV Challenge Cars, Robotics, 3D design challenges and Warhammer Club strategies. University partners attended with activities from Curtin Nutrition Science, Curtin Outreach, Murdoch and ECU Physical Education Studies. The Water Corporation 'Waterwise AR Experience', was an exciting interactive activity on the oval. Wireless Hill museum provided samples of technology through history and The Boston Consulting Group demonstrated fascinating use of data. The STEM booths were set up to engage and entice students in a range of STEM-sational activities, showing the boundless opportunities created through incorporating STEM into all Learning Areas and studying STEM subjects. Melville's student STEM Ambassador, Jacalyn Harris, welcomed Year 6 students to interact with the displays as part of their Transition Day to Melville and current students, parents, local community and pre-service teachers joined in as well. There were well over 700 visitors to the event.

### STEM BLAST Challenge

Congratulations to Sophia Guo, Chloe Tan, Hannah Roque and Kirsten Astillo for your imaginative glow in the dark swimwear. Charlie Edge and Seren Price designed a dual purpose lamp shaped like a mushroom that also harnesses the light to grow real mushrooms! All of these students won a prize for their response the Challenge. All the Challenge entries were on display for students to view.



## Gifted and Talented

### Murdoch Incursion

In Week 6, our Year 10 Gifted & Talented students were afforded the opportunity to attend Murdoch University for an immersion experience. Students were met by the Outreach team where they were then split into two groups. One group started their 'Uni day' with a workshop on wind turbines, the other a tutorial on digital painting. They then watched a lecture on university pathways. Before lunch, students again split to attend either a lecture on literary monsters or a workshop on carbon dating.

Following lunch (and a few card games) the students' general knowledge was put to the test in a winner takes all Menti quiz. The teachers were (controversially) victorious by a slim margin.

The students were extremely grateful for the Murdoch and Melville staff for arranging this event. The staff at Murdoch were very impressed with every students' high level of engagement and overall enthusiasm.

### Year 7 Transition Day

In Week 7 the incoming 2021 Year 7 Gifted & Talented students were introduced to Big Questions on ethics, honesty and integrity in the hour-long session with Gifted & Talented Coordinator Mr Jamie Pearce and Year 8 Student Leader, Miss Bahavya Chaudhry.

To get them started, the eager students had to *Find-Five* things they had in common with the members at their table. Many teams bonded over a mutual dislike for English (Mr Pearce claimed to take great offence to this as an English teacher). The students then engaged in a *Talking Chips* activity to explore ethical 'Would You Rather' questions on honesty and integrity. Mr Pearce said "it was quite elucidating to see the range of responses within one class to questions about speaking up, telling the truth and protecting your friends. Many offered left-of-field solutions to the problems posed, highlighting the gifted students' often divergent thinking process."

Students were asked to place any questions they had about GAT and high school throughout the lesson in a Parking Lot structure. The ever-ebullient Student Leader, Bhavya, was there to address their concerns with aplomb, emphasising in particular that it is okay not to be good at everything and that one's 'gifts' may be in HASS and not Mathematics; for example. This hopefully went some way to alleviate any pressures the students had regarding the expectation to be perfect in everything. "It's unrealistic and sets students up to fail!" Mr Pearce said. "I was very impressed with their manners, enthusiasm and engagement. I cannot wait to get to know them better next year."





### Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Year 11 student Michael Henning who has won the Minister’s Aviation Scholarship for \$5000. He competed against students at other Aviation Schools from Morley, Greenwood and Kent St Senior High Schools. Finalists are pictured top left and Michael is second from right. Mr Randall Brink is going on long service leave at the beginning of next year and he said “This is a great way to end my year!”

### Awards Night

In Week 9, the yearly MASC Aviation awards night was held in the Performing Arts Centre. The fascinating guest speakers was Pilot Mitch McDonough (RAAF), Mahmood Hussein from CEO Global Drone Solutions and Captain Phil Dodd who is a Senior Training & Checking Captains (RFDS). They kept the crowd riveted with their stories and exciting information in the aviation industry.

Congratulations to the winners:

Academic Excellence	Abigail Barrett	Year 7
Trophy	Wai King Hong	Year 8
Certificate	Chenitha Ariyaratna	Year 9
iFly Vouchers	Ashwini Mungekar	Year 10
	Alexander Gayton	Year 11
Citizenship	Visalakshi Singaram	Year 7
Trophy	Harry Albreicht	Year 8
Certificate	Alaina Gronney	Year 9
Hoyts movie vouchers	Deborah Izonritei	Year 10
	Michael Henning	Year 11
Most Improved	Ria Sankhla	Year 7
Certificate	Margarett Camama	Year 8
JBHIFI Vouchers	Adhvay Praju	Year 9
	Andrew Aby-Emmanuel	Year 10
	Syafiq Murqriz Kamarmohter	Year 11
Scholarship	Erwin Entalai	Year 9
Certificate	Luke Yaxley	Year 10
Air Australia Voucher	Stella Simes	Year 10

### Alumni News - Bariq Harb

Aviation graduate from 2019, Bariq Harb is currently studying Aerospace Engineering at Monash University. Bariq is a private pilot and gained his licence during his time at Melville SHS. When he was considering a career, he thought that aerospace engineering would be a natural extension of this passion for flight.

He is now one of the aero-structures leads at Monash Unmanned Aerial Systems, part of a small team that designs, builds and flies UAVs that take part in the biannual medical express challenge. The group researched previous and current aircraft designs, their issues and how manufacturers overcame those design issues. Then they gathered the necessary information to design an aircraft that surpasses its key competitor, the Airbus A321-XLR. The final design was successful in meeting the design requirements initially set.

So far Bariq has studied units in Flight Vehicle Dynamics and Aerospace Computational Mechanics, supersonic flight vehicles and the aerodynamics that governs them as well as how drag is formed, stall occurs and other interesting aerodynamic characteristics. Then it was onto Flight Vehicle Propulsion, Control, and Flight Vehicle Design.



Pictured above right:  
Have Sum Fun winners

Pictured left:  
Classpad lessons

Pictured right:  
IEC students with  
AMC certificates

Below:  
Science Models in action



## Mathematics

In Week 6, Mathematics lessons were held on the Casio Classpad. These lessons were conducted by Esteban Hoarau, an ex- Melville Senior High School student from our IEC.

Congratulations to our successful Mathematics students this term. Certificates were awarded to Yicheng Huang (top left) who achieved a WAJO Distinction, IEC students with AMC certificates and Have Sum Fun competitors. These are excellent achievements!

## Classroom in Flight

In Mr Dave Turner's Year 7 Science class, students had great fun making Mars Landing models in week 7. There was then a competition to see which designs could gently float to earth. The students used only paper plates, plastic cups and paper. Pictured bottom left are the designs working surprisingly well.

## Languages

Congratulations to Chinese Language teacher, Ms Stephanie Wignell for winning the Exemplary Chinese Language Teacher Award (Secondary). The Chinese Language Teachers' Association of WA has recognised her amazing effort this year and chose her to be the recipient.

### Italian

The importance of good food and dining together was evident when the Year 7 Italian classes participated in a 'Panino Sampling' as part of their Introductory Italian studies. Students learnt that Italians think very carefully with their panino fillings and combine a range of tantalising ingredients into their meal. This could include examples such as roasted capsicums with grilled eggplant and mozzarella cheese; or prosciutto, olives and arugula or baked ricotta, sundried tomato and oregano. Mmmm buono!

Cultural traditions associated with dining are also important. This includes waiting until everyone is seated at the table before one begins to eat, no negative conversations are held at the table and always thanking the cook! Our chirpy Year 7s enjoyed their 'spuntino' (snack), with some going for seconds and thirds!

Buon appetito!





### Southern Perspectives

Congratulations to the ATAR Art Year 12 students whose work has been accepted into the Southern Perspectives. The artwork left is by Kita Healy, Ella Daffin and Carl Eulogio. The annual exhibition, now in its sixth year, showcases the talent and ideas of some of the State's most promising young artists. See next Year's Melville Matters to find out details about the exhibition.

### Year 11 Design ATAR Excursion

In Week 7, the Year 11 Design ATAR students went to the Escape Hunt Experience, an escape room organisation in Fremantle. Students played two team games, each an hour long, to either: plan an audacious theft by stealing gold and escape before they got caught, or break out of jail, recover their loot and escaping before the sheriff came back.

The objective for the students was not only to prepare them for Year 12 ATAR, but to experience a different form of problem solving.

*No one wants to insure us! RAC no Elders no.* When a student starts to design, they will come across a few issues and constraints. They have to solve these problems to achieve a solution. They have to analyse, process, apply logic, foresee solutions, and break down the problem into smaller parts in order to gain a better understanding of the task at hand. They can do this via a process of Divergent Thinking.

Some of the world's leading brands, such as Apple, Google and Samsung have adopted this design thinking approach. A designer will examine as many possible solutions at the beginning of a process and will then apply divergent thinking to narrow the solutions down to the best outcome. There is no better place to practice this form of design thinking than an escape room!

No records were broken, even with some determined to do so, but both teams escaped their rooms with either seconds to spare or having minutes up their sleeve, and with only one or two hints from the game master. This was a great experience and a way to discover how to think outside that little square box.

### Music in Focus

Amongst the many events at the end of term, was the Music by Night concert in Week 8. Ensembles and bands played magical music into the night and wowed the crowd in the Performing Arts Centre.





## Dance and Drama

### YohFest Award

Congratulations to Year 12 student Dylan Chua-Limargana who won the "People's Choice Award" for the category of Drama Solo.

### Ignition - End of Year Concert

In Week 9, our wonderful students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the Dance, Drama and Media showcase. Parents were invited to see performances from the year including the Year 12 award winning YohFest pieces.

The evening was entirely student-directed who executed the ticketing, lighting, audio-visual, music, voiceover, and the MC role. The students delivered a brilliant mix of performances which ensured a super entertaining evening for those in attendance.

## Graphic Design Media

### Graphic Design Media Showcase and Awards

In Week 8, the Graphic Design Media Showcase celebrated the media and design created by the talented students from Melville Senior High School's Graphic Design and Media Program.

The showcase took the form of an inaugural exhibition and attendees were able to view the exhibition at their own leisure with graphic design, media and other works on display in the performing Arts Centre and adjacent facilities. Congratulations to the award winners who were announced at the end of the evening.

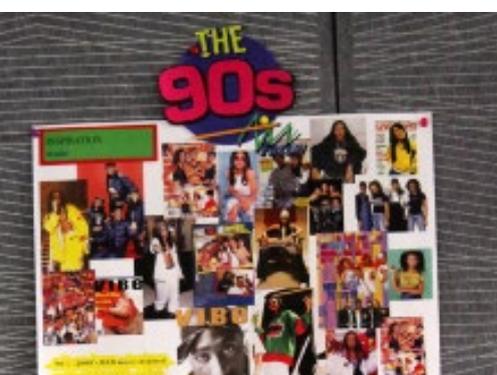
### Award Winners

	Most Improved	Creativity	Proxime Accessit	Dux
Year 7	Hank Van Veldhuisen			Ruby Timms
Year 8	Samuel Hounslow			Oscar Tholen
Year 9	Zoe Hargreaves			Charlotte Edge
Year 10	Romanika Noun	Atticus Crappsley-Pope	Jeckmen Cheng Yuan Wu	Qian Siew





GDM Showcase



## Fashion Incursion

The Year 10 GDM class hosted a masterclass run by visual artist and fashion designer Angela Ferolla. Ms Ferolla runs fashion label Rocucu and teaches textiles to costume design students at WAAPA. She introduced students to a wide variety of textile techniques and processes helping them to complete their Term 3 fashion projects.



## Learning Resource Centre

### The Melville SHS Book Club

The Melville SHS Book Club has a membership of keen readers and lovers of all things bookish that meets fortnightly after school. At the last meeting the students were thrilled to host Claire Kierath.

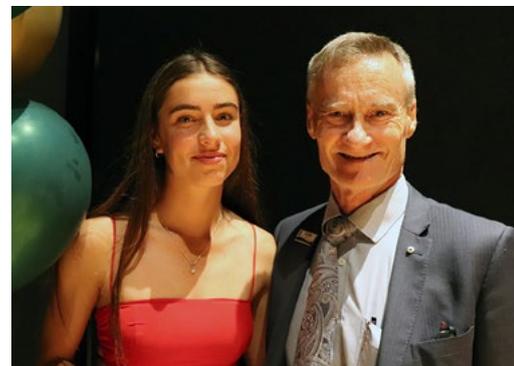
Claire studied Creative Writing and Children's Literature at Edith Cowan University, completed her Honours at Murdoch and subsequently completed a Master of Philosophy in Education (Critical Approaches to Children's Literature) at Cambridge University. She shared her experiences of studying and talked passionately about the author's works, which formed the basis of her thesis. Claire also volunteers at the Scribblers Literature Festival and encouraged the students to consider getting involved with this event.

Finally, she shared her particular interest in the Fantasy genre and brought many titles from her personal collection with which to spark the student's interest.

### A Literary Spending Spree

Eight members of the Melville SHS Book Club joined Mrs Belotti at Dymocks in Garden City to buy some new books for the library. They were able to indulge their passion and made some very thoughtful purchases. Wide smiles all round!





# Health and Physical Education

## Sports Awards Night

Two well organised and classy red carpet school sports awards ceremonies were held in the PAC this term. This was the first of this type of event run in and around the PAC. The evening commenced outside the gallery with a light meal and students overlooking our lovely green oval and the beautiful city of Perth before continuing inside for the ceremony itself. Our students dressed for the occasion and had a wonderfully rewarding end to this year's convoluted, compressed, and in many ways, confusing sporting fixtures.

## Award Winners

### Netball Specialist Program

Team	MVP	Runner Up MVP	Most Consistent/Improved
<b>Year 7</b>			
First Team	Abi Lester	Silverina Papalii	Joanne Maurangi Samuela
Second Team	Chelsea Poole	Lily Blair	Jacie Albrecht
Third Team	Matilda O'Malley	Katelyn Zagari	Mary Tuppin
<b>Year 8</b>			
First Team	Maya Louvel-Finn	Ruby Redmond	Sophie Williams
Second Team	Mya Cunningham	Ffion Henderson	Summer Fox
Third Team	Ritisha Singh	Eloise Daws	Ava Tyson
<b>Year 9</b>			
First Team	Tayla Byleveld	Sydney Richards	Jasmine Simes
Second Team	Maia Delgado	Nina Tesevic	Bridget Garrity
Third Team	Lilli Hardwick	Jolina Bishop	Hazel Clark
<b>Year 10</b>			
First Team	Mia Karehana	Jacinta Nicholls	Darcy McNamara
Second Team	Imogen Muskarovsky	Leah Hewitson	Ebony Hinchliffe
Third Team	Sophie Glance	Taylor Bloomfield	Madeline Stewart
<b>Senior Girls</b>			
First Team	Stefanie Porwell	Sophie McFarland	Nicole Robson
Second Team	Susan Achea	Katie Mercer	Mollie Aktins
Third Team	Aleeyah Garrett	Amber Hinchliffe	Anya Demegillo

### Sports Person of the Year

Year 7  
Year 8  
Year 9  
Year 10  
Year 11  
Year 12

### Sportsman

Soroush Seraj  
Luke Lester  
Eben Prinsloo  
Maxie Leitch  
Thomas McIntyre  
Jack Steele

### Sportswoman

Abi Lester  
Maia Ravenscroft  
Eva Horak  
Indi Strom  
Amelie Prinsloo  
Nicole Robson

### Interschool Athletics

Kerr-Smith Athlete of the Meet (Junior)	Tara Bell
James Gallagher Athlete of the Meet (Junior)	Luke Lester
Kerr-Smith Athlete of the Meet (Senior)	Indi Smith
James Gallagher Athlete of the Meet (Senior)	Kyle MacDonald

### Junior Girls Soccer

### Most Valuable Player

Nurul Aisyah  
and Sofea Mahzul

### Runner Up MVP

Eve Coomer

### Coaches Award

Laura Behari

### Junior Boys Soccer

Colby Gannon

Liam Evans

Joy Kabulo Ngandu

### Senior Girls Soccer

Jemima Dance

Izabella Parman

Nicole Robson

### Senior Boys Soccer

Finn Sangster

William Sumail

Alek Grosse

### Senior Boys Touch Rugby

First Team

Edward Turagava

Thomas McIntyre



Second Team  
**Senior Girls Touch Rugby**

First Team  
Second Team

**Senior Boys Netball**

First Team  
Second Team  
Third Team  
Fourth Team

**Junior Girls Volleyball**

First Team

Second Team  
Third Team  
Fourth Team  
Fifth Team

**Senior Girls Volleyball**

First Team  
Second Team  
Third Team  
Fourth Team

**Junior Boys Volleyball**

First Team  
Second Team  
Third Team  
Fourth Team

**Senior Boys Volleyball**

First Team  
Second Team  
Third Team  
Fourth Team  
Fifth Team  
Sixth Team

**Junior Boys Basketball**

**Junior Girls Basketball**

**Senior Girls Water Polo**

**Senior Boys Water Polo**

**Junior Girls Water Polo**

**Junior Boys Water Polo**

**Junior Girls AFL**

Team 1  
Team 2

**Surfer of the Day**

Lenny Tames  
**Most Valuable Player**

Amelie Prinsloo  
Jessie Connelly

Jack Steele  
Elliot Martin  
Thomas McIntyre  
Kyle MacDonald

Nurul Aisyah  
and Sofea Mahzul  
Maia Ravenscroft  
Remy Robson  
Kinley Paterson  
Zoe Hargreaves

Aurora Burling  
Nella Valenti  
Francesca Gratton  
Taige Sullivan

Ben Elliott  
Mathew Reed  
Ethan Schoenmaekers  
Muhammad Haziq Hashim, Alex Petridis

Maxie Leitch  
Jeeb Bryan Revillame  
Jack Burling  
Thomas McIntyre  
Elliot Martin  
Ian Tann

Luyando Snare  
Sophie Killeen  
Isabel Spry  
Charlie McIntosh  
Emily Carucci  
Luke Lester

Jasmine Simes  
Maia Ravenscroft  
Lawson Thomas

Connor Hackling  
**Runner Up MVP**  
Hazel Aoina-Scott  
Anahera Ihaka

Sedrique Bukuru  
Alek Grosse  
Max Kelly-Taylor  
Ashton Smith

Vy Nguyen

Rachel Yeo David  
Tara Bell  
Grace Miles  
Mya Cunningham

Shanae Cammell  
Jessie Connelly  
Anya Demegillo  
Seren Simpson

Jason Murphy  
Cameron Sully  
Nic Wardle

Joshua Walker  
Parham Bahrami and Stevie Morley-Wong  
Edward Turagava  
Hoang Quoc Bao Nguyen  
Sam Ritchie  
Alexander Nicholas

Ben Elliott  
Tara Bell  
Neve Hopkinson  
Eben Prinsloo  
Rachel Yeo David  
James Ravenscroft

Ruby Redman  
Lexie Sullivan





Senior School  
Sports Dinner  
2020



## Specialist Netball Program

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 Netball team (pictured below) who won the Netball WA Specialist Schools Tournament defeating Atwell College 26 - 16 in the grand final.

## Primary Schools Netball Carnival

In Week 4, the annual primary schools carnival was held at Melville SHS. Year 9 students coached, managed and umpired the competition. Local primary school students from Years 4 and 5 played away the afternoon.

Teacher in Charge Ms Taryn Smith said "My girls had a great time and gained a new respect for the job teachers do apparently! They had the opportunity to complete their assessment and develop their skills". Results were:

B Division

- 1 Caralee 2
- 2 Richmond 2
- 3 Bicton 3
- 4 Caralee 3
- 5 Bicton 4

A Division

- 1 Richmond 1
- 2 Bicton 2
- 3 Caralee 1
- 4 Bicton 1



Thank you to Ms McNeil and her Year 9 Netball students for organising and coordinating an outstanding primary school carnival.

If you have students who you think would be interested in trialling for a position in the Melville SHS Specialist Netball program, trials will be held in the first half of 2021 for Year 5 and 6's. Email communication will be sent to schools about this next year. Boys are welcome to join the program.

## Physical Education

The Advanced PE classes have capped off an amazing year with some stand up paddling, underwater rugby and CrossFit classes. Year 8 students were quick to pick up the balance and coordination required for SUP boarding, and in the last session were joined by World Champion SUP boarder Sam McCullough!

## State Team Representation

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Charlotte McGregor who has qualified for the National Championships in trampolining in 2020. Sadly she couldn't compete, as the Australian Gymnastics Championships were cancelled due to COVID (they were supposed to be in Melbourne in May). She has now competed to qualify for the 2021 nationals, which will now be held on the Gold Coast in May 2021. She has qualified for this tournament for the fifth time.

Congratulations also to Year 8 student Joshua Till (pictured bottom left) who competed in the 2020 State Junior Sailing Championships.

## Interschool Waterpolo

Congratulations to the Junior girls Interschool Waterpolo team who were runners up in Week 6





## Athletics

In early Term 4, a team of just over 80 students travelled to the State Athletics Centre to compete in the prestigious A Division Interschool Athletics Carnival. It was an extremely competitive carnival with every single athlete striving to achieve their best in their events and pushing through the pain barrier to gain valuable points for our team. At the end of the day we placed eighth overall - making us the eighth best school in the state for 2020. This does unfortunately mean we have been relegated down into B division for 2021 but that has only added fuel to the fire to compete, train and strive to be back in A division in 2022. We had plenty of amazing individual results on the day but one outstanding result was Indi Strom who won Year 10 Runner Up Champion Girl- well done Indi.

All students are to be commended on their outstanding level of effort and sportsmanship and for the team spirit they showed in cheering for our athletes throughout the day. In a day that finished with only a handful of points separating us and the teams above, it highlights the importance of regularly attending training in order to win B division next year and prove we belong in A division.

We have a lot of talented athletes at Melville who compete in multiple sports across the year. Another example of the breadth of talent we have at Melville, Josh Till (Year 8) placed fifth in the state in the Youth State Sailing Championships. Congratulations Josh!

## Act Belong Commit

In Week 8, the Act Belong Student committee ran Kindness Day. Lots of students gathered in the Lower School quad to write kind messages to other staff and students. These were delivered over the next week, and there were hundreds!

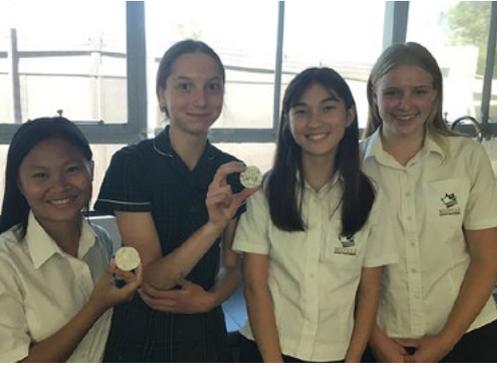


Students also enjoyed some classroom activities in the lead up to kindness day, organised by Ms McNeil and the Student Well Being committee. Students explored what kindness looks like, feels like and sounds like, as well as looking at examples of kindness in action, capping of the lesson with kindness origami for friends or someone in need of a happy boost.

## Outdoor Education

The Year 11 Certificate II Outdoor Education students had a great time at Leighton beach this term learning to surf. There was an award for 'wave of the day' competition amongst the students and this was won by Azalias Bukuru for the longest ride. Ashley Simpson, Mia Tingberg, David Tyson and Pilot Anzo were all very impressive on the day as well.





Above: Science  
Below: Junior Girls Soccer



## Lower and Middle School

Year 7s have been venturing into outer space this term. Students have been learning about what makes up our Solar System - stars, moons, planets, comets and asteroids! Some fun investigations have been completed, looking at gravity and its effects, with students gaining an understanding of how gravity affects the tides of the oceans. Students have also been able to research their favourite planet, producing travel brochures for holidays into the nether regions of our solar system!

Year 8s have been having a rockin' time learning all about rocks! This term started with a bang, with all students participating in an incursion with Jo from Earth Science WA. Students participated in an interactive class where they got to have hands in experience looking at many different types of rocks, some of which can be found right here in WA. In week 3 and 4, classes were given the opportunity to make their own fossils, as well as having a go at making some different types of sedimentary rocks, using sand, gravel and plaster of paris. Mrs Ramage's classes also got to investigate erosion, and had a go being "soil erosion engineers", designing erosion proof landscapes that they then got to test out in the classroom by simulating rainfall with a watering can.

Year 9s have been learning all about their own bodies, in particular the endocrine and nervous system. Did you know that the endocrine and nervous system work together to maintain homeostasis in your body? Our Year 9s know this now, and even got to experience just how hard it is to maintain a body temperature of 37 degrees Celsius, by simulating this in the classroom - students had to heat a beaker of water to 37°C and then try and keep it at that level, adding ice blocks to cool it down and removing or adding the heat of the Bunsen burner back to the water when required. Student's were amazed at how difficult this was and how much effort was required... but our bodies do this without us even realising it! Students also got to participate in an eye dissection this term, and got to dissect the different components that make up the eye. Very cool indeed!

Year 10A pathway have been studying the theory of evolution through natural selection, geological timescales and mass extinction events that have occurred throughout the history of Earth. They have also been learning about speciation - the process through which new species are formed.

The Year 10B pathway have been investigating climate change and global warming all term. Students have been exposed to a wide range of evidence that shows that we are experiencing an unprecedented period of warming, and it is human activity that is the cause of it. A question was posed - do cow farts really cause global warming? The answer is yes! But it is not the cows that are the problem, rather it is humans who insist on farming large numbers of these animals in an unsustainable way. Of course, this is not the only source of greenhouse gases being pumped into the atmosphere, and students have then been asked to consider ways in which we can reduce our impact on the Earth, by reducing our production of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane.

The Year 10C pathway have been having fun with physics. Students have been learning about Newton's 3 laws of motion, investigating the effect of speed, mass and acceleration, as well as looking at car safety in relation to the 3 laws of motion. Mr Dymock's class applied their knew knowledge of physics to an experiment using balloon rockets to study equal and opposite reactions - Newton's 3rd law.

## Upper School

Sadly, we had to bid farewell to our Year 12 students and we wish them all the best of luck for their ATAR results. Fun is still to be had though with our Year 11s, and Dr Wetherley's class have been testing the  $\frac{1}{2}$  life of beer. If you look at froth/head of the beer, the bubbles pop at a given rate and from this they could calculate the half life of the beer froth. Although this sounds like a weird thing to do, it helped students to understand the concept of a half life which is a very important aspect of their course on nuclear physics. They also used the data to practice important data analysis skills.



Year 12 Ball



## Student Services

### Goodbye to Year 12s

It has been a great end of year for the Year 12s culminating in their graduation Valedictory in Week 8. At the beginning of term, the students had traditional farewell events – the fashion parade, breakfast and farewell assembly. The week culminated in the ball that had been delayed because of COVID. Photos on the next two pages outline just some of the good times.

The rescheduled school ball saw our Year 12s get a chance to dress up and show us once again what a delightful group of young adults they are. Dressed to stun, our students had a wonderful time on the dance floor and the photo booth while engaging in really good natured fun - so typical of this group of positive young Australians. The Student Services team made this rite of passage event very memorable for our deserving students. Many staff attended and this makes it much more meaningful for our students.

### New Bus Route

Well done to Melville families who are catching public transport, riding and walking! As a result of ongoing campaigning, Transperth will provide a number of additional Melville Senior High School services from day one next year. There will also be a change to School Special 766 and stand changes at the school.

Jessica Emeljanow (pictured right) was invited to Parliament to hear Lisa O'Malley MLA make a speech about the impediments for student transport to Melville SHS and an opportunity to meet with the Minister for Transport.

Lisa discussed safety concerns from a whole community point of view and pivoted to the transport obstacles for students.



### Attention Bicton and Attadale students: catch the bus so this trial will be a success!

The following additional services will operate:

- Morning Services to Melville SHS - Route 148: An additional Route 148 service will operate to the school from Fremantle Station via Bicton and Attadale. The trip departs Fremantle Station (Stand 12) at 7.52am, arriving at Melville SHS at approximately 8.27am.
- Route 502: Two additional 'short' services will operate between Bull Creek Station and the school in addition to the full length Route 502 services currently operating to the school.
- An additional Route 148 will operate from the school to Fremantle Station.
- An additional Route 915 service will operate from the school to Bull Creek Station.
- As a result of this additional service, School Special 766 will be withdrawn.

## Cadets

The Melville SHS Emergency Cadets unit is looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please ask your child to contact our Cadets Teacher in Charge Jo Daley early next year.





Year 12  
Last Day Dress  
Up Parade

