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## Principal's Report

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### *Preparation for Life*

In its centenary year, the MHS community undertook an extensive review of its intended future directions. The resulting MHS 2020 plan has served the School well in directing its priorities over the past four years.

A key voice during that period of review was that of the students themselves. Through a series of discussion forums, the students identified the elements of the School, which in their view, were most important to maintain, as well as what needed to be done to improve the quality of education they received. The nature of this student input was sometimes unexpected and confronting.

MHS prides itself on providing a broad holistic education; a preparation for all of life's challenges and dimensions. Our students however have correctly pointed out that they receive little preparation for some of the most central and essential aspects of their future lives.

A recent survey of VCE students has revealed that next to none have received any preparation for their potential future roles as parents, family members or in sustaining positive personal relationships more generally. This raises complex questions about what the scope and limitations of a *preparation for life* should be.

It could in fact be argued that these

personal aspects of life should not fall within the jurisdiction of schooling at all. Certainly in a bygone era they would have been seen as more naturally the domains of family and faith. It is troubling, however, that so many students indicated that they had received no preparation for these essential aspects of their future lives either inside or outside school.

They were also overwhelmingly of a view that their schooling should



include some preparation for these important aspects of their future adult life. It is also true that surveys of our exit student indicate that this is the area that they felt the School prepared them least well for.

It could equally be argued that it may prove to be very difficult to provide an educational program across areas that are subject to quite divergent personal, cultural and religious beliefs and values. All schools, and especially secular and culturally diverse schools such as MHS, are quite adept in respectfully approaching a broad range of issues which touch upon sensitive personal and cultural values and beliefs. In fact attentiveness to cultural and

individual difference is one of the most unique assets of our School.

*Preparation for Life* was included as an explicit goal in the MHS 2020 strategic plan. To date the School has confined its work in this domain to some of the more prosaic aspects of adult life, such as citizenship and career education. It is my intention to ask the Council's Education and Welfare Committee to now explore this goal more expansively.

A work team that will include representatives from this Committee, relevant school staff and students from the new SRC Student Wellbeing portfolio group will be asked to research and evaluate existing programs and resources with the intention of introducing a pilot program for inclusion in the Year 10 end of year transition program. Parents and students will be provided with an outline of this program later this year.

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MHS is very proud of its record of preparing each student well for success in their chosen career and our Distinguished Old Boys gallery attests to the magnitude of these successes. However, it is also true that very few of us lie on our death beds wishing we had spent more time at the office. It is our personal legacies of family, children and friends that become the true markers of a life well-lived.

If a MHS education is truly to be a *preparation for life* then it must embrace both the personal and professional realms of adult life.

### H1N1 update

My appreciation again for the support of parents, students and especially staff in seeing us through the adjustments required following the closure of the School due to swine flu. The School program is now largely back on track; however, the deferral of exams and assessment tasks into

next week will mean that the issue of end of semester reports for years 9-11 will be delayed until the first day of Term 3. Year 12 reports will be posted home during the holidays.

### Success of our Students

Congratulations to Peter Melilli, one of 50 students nationwide selected to participate in the UBS Finance Academy program at Macquarie University across the coming vacation period.

**Jeremy Ludowyke**  
Principal

## YEAR 10 UNSATISFACTORY SEMESTER REPORTS

Year 10 students who have unsatisfactory reports (that is any Ns) will report to School in full uniform on the first day of the holidays, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, for an all day session on study skills, organisation, test and exam technique, and motivation. Students have until the end of the first week of term 3 to make arrangements with their subject teachers to complete assessment tasks or examinations, or both, to a satisfactory standard. If work is satisfactorily redeemed, then their MHS Diploma entries will be changed from N to S\*. If all work is not completed to a satisfactory standard, then students will not qualify for a MHS Diploma when they graduate in year 12.

**Dr Janet Prideaux**  
Assistant Principal

## YEAR 9 - SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Where a student has an 'N' grading (Not Satisfactory) in any subject, he will receive a letter which explains the process for redeeming this grade. It is a school requirement that this work be completed and verified by the subject teacher at the start of Term 3. A student's progression to Year 10 and receiving the MHS Diploma when they graduate in year 12, is dependant on the completion of all coursework to a satisfactory level.

**Nick Fairlie**  
9G - 9L Student Learning Coordinator

## WINTER CONCERT REHEARSALS



A new Winter Concert rehearsal schedule is available on the student portal. Please make sure you check it.



**Anne Lierse**  
Director of Music

## PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Please come along to our next meeting on Monday 15 June to meet other parents and hear about plans for the International Night Dinner on 22 August. If you would like to assist on 22 August with the dinner you can send queries to me at kaconn2000@yahoo.com.au or 9886 7882.

**Karen Connolly**  
P&F President

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP LOWER DINING HALL

Open Friday lunch times. School uniform at about 50% RRP or less.

Change rooms and parent help provided.

- Half colours ties
- Maroon VCE jumpers in size 20 and above
- Winter uniform
- Rowing shorts and zoot suits



Telephone 9823 7180 Friday 1.00pm to 2.00pm

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 15 June      Years 9, 10 & 11 exams  
P&F meeting 7.30pm
- Tuesday 16 June to  
Thursday 18 June      Year 11 exams
- Friday 19 June      Gala Soiree

### INTERNET SITE OF THE WEEK

- **Around the World in Eighty Gardens**
- The last episode of this excellent BBC series presented by the personable Monty Don screens next Tuesday, June 16, on ABC1.
- The BBC Gardening Page gives a link to the program ([http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/tv\\_and\\_radio/aroundtheworld\\_index7.shtmlradio](http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/tv_and_radio/aroundtheworld_index7.shtmlradio)).
- Here there are summaries of the ten programs, including the names of the eighty gardens, and links to some of the gardens and to official tourism sites of the countries represented.

**Richard Wakeham**  
Library

## INTERSCHOOL DEBATING - ROUND 2 - DAV SCHOOLS COMPETITION – 5/5/09

Round 2 of The Debaters Association of Victoria Schools Competition was held at MHS (South Yarra Region) on Tuesday evening, 5 May 2009. The Round seemed to be particularly challenging as evidenced by the results. Overall there were 14 wins, 14 losses. Congratulations to the successful teams and commiserations to those who were defeated.

Round 3 will be conducted on Tuesday 26/5/09. Round 3 marks the commencement of Secret Topics for A and B Grade debaters and the Advised Topic for C Grade. Debaters in these divisions are reminded to be in attendance at MHS at least one hour before the debate time to receive the topics. A and D Grade debate at 7.00pm and B and C Grade debate at 8.00pm. Round 4 is in the ninth week of Term 2 (Tuesday 16/6/09) at Melbourne High School. Round 5 will be in the third week of Term 3 (Tuesday 28/7/09).

As always, I invite all parents and friends to come along and support the debaters as members of the audience. Coaching continues and will be conducted at arranged times between DAV rounds. All students who are debating are required to prepare for and attend these sessions. Students will be notified of coaching sessions via the Intranet, MHS email, Student Bulletin and form rolls.

**Sonya Mulholland**  
**Co-ordinator of Debating**  
**(mulhollands@mhs.vic.edu.au)**

### Round 2 – Results

**wins – 14      losses - 14**

#### A Grade

#### *That Google has gone too far*

MHS 1 (228)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 2 (230)	Best Speaker:	Andrew Duong
MHS 2 (227)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 4 (233)		
MHS 3 (220)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 3 (225)		
MHS 4 (226)	<b>lost to</b>	MHS 2 (228)		
MHS 6 (226)	<b>def</b>	MGC 1 (224)	Best Speaker:	Mashood Qureshi

#### B Grade

#### *That the government should not prop up the automotive industry*

MHS 1 (229)	<b>def</b>	Mac.Rob 1 (224)	Best Speaker:	Henry Hamilton
MHS 2	<b>def(forfeit)</b>	MGGS 2		
MHS 3 (229)	<b>def</b>	Mac.Rob 3 (227)	Best Speaker:	Devraj Bhattacharya
MHS 4 (229)	<b>def</b>	MGGS 3 (228)	Best Speaker:	Ayeed Ahsan, Denis Ruderman
MHS 5 (226)	<b>def</b>	MGGS 4 (224)	Best Speaker:	Kieran Gooley
MHS 6 (228)	<b>def</b>	MGC 1 (224)	Best Speaker:	Vincent Leung
MHS 7	<b>def(forfeit)</b>	MGC 1		

#### C Grade

#### *That fashion does more harm than good*

MHS 1 (229)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 1 (231)	Best Speaker:	Harry Pearce
MHS 2 (224)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 2 (229)		
MHS 3 (224)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 3 (228)		
MHS 4 (222)	<b>lost to</b>	MGGS 3 (224)	Best Speaker:	Joe Melling
MHS 5 (224)	<b>lost to</b>	MGGS 1 (226)	Best Speaker:	Eric Saliwonczyk
MHS 6 (228)	<b>lost to</b>	VCA 1 (231)		
MHS 7 (224)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 4 (230)		
MHS 8 (227)	<b>lost to</b>	MGGS 2 (229)	Best Speaker:	Eugene Toh
MHS 9 (222)	<b>lost to</b>	MGC 1 (225)		

#### D Grade

#### *That the Victorian Government should buy back the public transport system*

MHS 1 (229)	<b>def</b>	MGC 6 (227)	Best Speaker:	Julien Nithianandam
MHS 2 (226)	<b>def</b>	Mac.Rob 4 (224)	Best Speaker:	Rohan Navani
MHS 3 (234)	<b>def</b>	MGC 8 (227)	Best Speaker:	Somye Goyal
MHS 4 (227)	<b>def</b>	MGGS 6 (222)	Best Speaker:	Ross Watkins
MHS 5 (229)	<b>def</b>	MGC 7 (224)	Best Speaker:	Kishore Kottampally
MHS 6 (227)	<b>def</b>	MGC 4 (225)	Best Speaker:	Tom Posa
MHS 7 (225)	<b>lost to</b>	Mac.Rob 2 (228)	Best Speaker:	Malcolm Xu

## INTERSCHOOL DEBATING - ROUND 3 - DAV SCHOOLS COMPETITION - 26/5/09

Round 3 of The Debaters Association of Victoria Schools Competition was held at MHS (South Yarra Region) on Tuesday evening, on the cusp of the Unit 3 Trial Exams, 26 May 2009.

Round 3 saw the commencement of Secret Topics for A and B Grade debaters and an Advised Topic for C Grade debaters. There was 1 MHS v MHS debate which provided the satisfaction of a guaranteed win but also lumbered us with 1 loss. Congratulations to the successful teams and commiserations to those who were defeated. Round 4 is in the ninth week of Term 2 Tuesday 16/6/09 at Melbourne High School and Round 5 – Tuesday 28/7/09. A and D Grade debate at 7.00pm and B and C Grade debate at 8.00pm. Debaters are reminded that attendance is mandatory at every organised coaching session. Teams for upcoming debates must be arranged at the first session of coaching for each new round. Those debaters not speaking should be assisting their team with case preparation.

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and support the debaters as members of the audience. Coaching continues and will be conducted at arranged times between DAV rounds. All students who are debating are required to prepare for and attend these sessions. Students will be notified of coaching sessions via the Intranet, Student Bulletin and form roll notices.

**Sonya Mulholland**  
Co-ordinator of Debating

Round 3 – Results	wins – 18	losses - 11	MHS v MHS debates – 2	forfeits - 7
<b>A Grade</b>	<i>Secret Topic: That we should abolish religious schools</i>			
MHS 1 (226)	lost to	Mac.Rob 4 (228)		
MHS 2 (226)	def	Mac.Rob 1 (225)	Best Speaker:	Kunal Luthra
MHS 3 (222)	lost to	MHS 4 (232)		
MHS 4 (232)	def	MHS 3 (222)	Best Speaker:	Nick Campbell
MHS 5 (228)	lost to	Mac.Rob 3 (233)		
MHS 6 (228)	def	MGGS 1 (226)	Best Speaker:	Mashood Qureshi
<b>B Grade</b>	<i>Secret Topic: That we should legalise all drugs in sport</i>			
MHS 1 (225)	def	Mac.Rob 2 (224)	Best Speaker:	Tom Katilius
MHS 2 (232)	def	Mac.Rob 1 (228)	Best Speaker:	Dinesh De Abrew
MHS 3 (230)	def	Mac.Rob 4 (221)		
MHS 4 (228)	def	MGGS 2 (222)	Best Speaker:	Sumudu Perera
MHS 5	def (forfeit)	MGGS 1		
MHS 6 (226)	def	MGGS 4 (224)	Best Speaker:	Vincent Leung
MHS 7	def (forfeit)	MGC 7		
<b>C Grade</b>	<i>Advised Topic: That physical education should be compulsory all through high school</i>			
MHS 1 (226)	def	MHS 9 (225)	Best Speaker:	Matt Rodrigues, Callum W, Kelvin Ng
MHS 2 (223)	lost to	Mac.Rob 1 (228)		
MHS 3 (219)	lost to	MGC 1 (222)		
MHS 4 (225)	lost to	Mac.Rob 4 (227)		
MHS 5 (225)	def	Mac.Rob 3 (224)		
MHS 6	def (forfeit)	MGGS 2		
MHS 7	def (forfeit)	MGGS 3		
MHS 8 (225)	lost to	MGGS 1 (228)		
MHS 9 (225)	lost to	MHS 1 (226)		
<b>D Grade</b>	<i>That parents should be able to design their babies</i>			
MHS 1	def (forfeit)	MGC 5		
MHS 2 (224)	lost to	MGC 6 (225)		
MHS 3 (224)	lost to	MGGS 1 (228)		
MHS 4 (223)	def	Mac.Rob 4 (221)	Best Speaker:	Ross Watkins
MHS 5 (222)	lost to	MGGS 2 (225)		
MHS 6	def (forfeit)	MGC 3		
MHS 7	def (forfeit)	MGC 2		



# STUDENT SERVICES

## PARENTING ADOLESCENTS

**The Drummond Street Relationship Centre** – 96636733, [www.dsrc.org.au](http://www.dsrc.org.au) - offers adolescent and parent mediation where two trained mediators work with parents and their adolescent child(ren) to agree on rules and consequences and make a plan for managing hard situations in the future. (This is not counselling). Cost is factored on a sliding scale for a 90 minute or 2 hour session based on your income. Free to HCC holders.

**Parent line** – 132289, [www.parentline.vic.gov.au](http://www.parentline.vic.gov.au) - provides a 7 day a week telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents with children from birth to 18 years.

**ABCD Parenting website** - [www.abcdparenting.org](http://www.abcdparenting.org) - for many parents, their child's teenage years are a positive time, but they can also be a challenge for both parent and adolescent. Staying involved with their children through these years helps parents manage difficulties and avoid some of the pitfalls. This website is based on the ABCD Parenting Young Adolescents Program, and gives information and support to parents and professionals. The site provides information about the program, answers to frequently asked questions and contact details for metropolitan and regional parenting, alcohol and other drugs services.

## Mixed Tape 09 - Sunday 14 June

A Stonnington Council music event aimed for all ages featuring emceeing, breakdancing and beatboxing battles. Event will be held at the Malvern Town Hall (cnr Glenferrie Rd and High St Malvern). Sunday June 14 @ 2.00-9.30pm. Tickets cost \$15. For further information call 8290 7020 or visit [www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/MixTape](http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/MixTape)

## PATHWAYS TO MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

Glen Eira City Council, Inner South Mental Health Cluster and Carer Network invite you to attend an evening forum to hear about services for carers and people with a mental illness.

Keynote speaker: Jo Buchanan teacher, psychotherapist, carer and author

Seminar will include: Susanne Birks, Manager Community program for Alfred psychiatry, who will discuss services that are on offer, as well as personal stories from carers and people with a mental illness, question and answer panel discussions. Information stalls on mental health services and support will be available. This is a free community information forum.

Date Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7pm – 9pm, registration from 6.30 pm.

Venue Auditorium, Glen Eira Town hall. Cnr Glen Eira and Hawthorn Rds Caulfield.

RSVP 12<sup>th</sup> June 9524 3333.

## EMERGENCY AND SUPPORT CONTACTS

Kids Help Line (24hrs)	1800 55 1800
Life Line (24hrs)	13 11 14
Griefline	95967799
Gay and Lesbian Switchboard	9827 8544
Drug and Alcohol 'Direct Line'	1800 888 236
Reach Out	<a href="http://www.reachout.com.au">www.reachout.com.au</a>
Kids Help Line 1800 551 800	<a href="http://www.kidshelp.com.au">www.kidshelp.com.au</a>



# FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

## Year 10 Careers Education Program

Starting next week, all Year 10 students will participate in a Careers Education Program. This will include career testing using 'Career Voyage' and developing a Careers Plan. Students will also receive a copy of a CD of 'alife' and the 2009 Job Guide, which is valuable resource for them to use over the next few years.

Below is the schedule for the program:

Class	Session 1	Date	Room	Session 2	Date	Room
10A	Period 2	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 2	Thurs 18th June	T2
10B	Period 4	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 3	Thurs 18th June	T2
10C	Period 3	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 1	Wed 17th June	T2
10D	Period 3	Mon 22nd June	T29	Period 4	Mon 22nd June	T2
10E	Period 4	Thurs 18th June	T29	Period 6	Thurs 18th June	T9
10F	Period 4	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 1	Thurs 18th June	T2
10G	Period 2	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 7	Thurs 18th June	T9
10H	Period 5	Thurs 18th June	T29	Period 1	Fri 19th June	T9
10J	Period 4	Thurs 18th June	T29	Period 3	Fri 19th June	T9
10K	Period 3	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 2	Wed 17th June	T2
10L	Period 6	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 5	Wed 17th June	T9
10M	Period 7	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 4	Wed 17th June	T9
10N	Period 7	Tues 16th June	T29	Period 2	Fri 19th June	T9

Students who miss Session 1 will need to arrange a catch up session.

Students who miss Session 2 can attend a catch up session on Monday 22nd June, period 5 in T2.

## Deakin University: Parent Information Event

Parents and VCE students are invited to attend Deakin's Parent Information Event which will provide the opportunity to:

- Find out about the VTAC application process, course selection, preferences and key dates
- Hear from Deakin representatives about courses, graduate outcomes, scholarships, pathways and support services
- Speak with current Deakin students and gain an insight into life at university

Thursday 2 July 2009 7.00 pm–8.30 pm

– Melbourne campus at Burwood

– Altona Meadows Library and Learning centre

Light refreshments will be served and online registrations are essential.

For more information and to register for this free event please visit [www.deakin.edu.au/parent](http://www.deakin.edu.au/parent).



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

At Monash Seminar Series 2009

The Monash Seminar Series continues throughout Term 2. All sessions start at 6.30pm. The following seminars will take place over the few weeks:

- |   |                     |           |
|---|---------------------|-----------|
| • Design  | Tuesday 16th June   | Caulfield |
| • Medicine, biomedical science, nutrition and dietetics | Wednesday 17th June | Clayton   |
| • Fine art  | Wednesday 24th June | Caulfield |

For information and to book online: <http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash> or phone: 9903 4758

## Focus on Melbourne:

The University of Melbourne evening seminar series for years 10-12 students and their families continues. The program enables participants to take a closer look at the study options available at the university:

Tuesday 23rd June

6.30pm-8pm Science: Theatre A, Elisabeth Murdoch Building (near Swanston Street)

To register or for further information go to: [www.futuresstudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/focusonmelbourne.html](http://www.futuresstudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/focusonmelbourne.html)

## Work Experience Term 2:

All students who have organised work experience for the term 2 holidays must ensure they complete the work experience arrangement form and the two Occupational Health & Safety modules. Each student will need to collect a work experience package from T39 prior to the end of term 2.

Annette Travers

Careers & Work Education Coordinator

For further information on any item above email: [traversa@mhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:traversa@mhs.vic.edu.au)



MHS & MacRob Music presents:

A night of hilarious music trivia,

Hosted by **Trevor Jones**

Full interschool rivalry as MHS takes on MacRob in



Come and watch as the two teams battle it out in the  
ultimate music trivia competition.

Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 7pm  
Memorial Hall MHS  
Entry by gold coin.

## WINTER CONCERT



MHS has been fortunate in obtaining a grant for an artist in residence, Adam Starr, who is composing a piece for the Winter Concert. This is a partnership between Melbourne High School and Mac.Robertson Girls' High School and is part of "Artists in Schools - A Victorian Initiative".

# 2 0 0 9 W I N T E R C O N C E R T M E L B O U R N E R E C I T A L C E N T R E

The Mac.Robertson  
Girls' High School  
and  
Melbourne High School  
Monday 27 July  
7.30pm  
Tickets: 9699 3333  
[www.melbournerecital.com.au](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au)  
or at the venue  
Adults \$25 Students & children \$20





## INVITATION

Melbourne High School  
cordially invites you to

# Concertos 2009

featuring the Melbourne High School Symphony Orchestra,  
Camerata and Soloists

**Memorial Hall, Melbourne High School**  
**Thursday June 25, 2009 at 7.30pm**

Program	
Francis Lai	Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini Op.43
Justin Lee	Bruch: Romance Op.85
Vincent Leung	Falla: <i>Danse Espagnole</i> from <i>La Vida Breve</i>
Sam Hartley	Beethoven: Piano Concerto No.1 Op.15
William Howes	Vivaldi: Guitar Concerto in A major
Chris Liu	Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto Op.35
E.J. Khoo	Elgar: Cello Concerto Op.85
James Russo	Saint-Saëns: Piano Concerto No.2 Op.22

Tickets are \$10(Conc) / \$20

Please collect a ticket order form from the music office



The Principal, Mr Jeremy Ludowyke,  
the Director of Music, Dr Anne Lierse, and the Music Staff  
of

**Melbourne High School**

request the pleasure of your company at a

## *Gala Soirée*

where some of our most talented music students will  
Present a recital of solo and ensemble works

***Friday 19 June 2009 7.30pm***

### **Memorial Hall**

Forrest Hill, South Yarra 3141

Refreshments will be served

**RSVP: 12 June 2009**

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