



Future Families

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Mount Carmel College's twice yearly update for future enrolled families



Welcome to our community

Dear Future Families

Welcome to this edition of Future Families, one of our communications to keep in touch with you as a future student and family of the College.

Core values: Relationships and Belonging
Recently we welcomed the 2022 new Year 7 and 8 students and their parents. We could feel the excitement amongst the students and parents and thank everyone for making the effort to attend. It was also lovely to hear from parents who already have a child at the secondary campus of

Mount Carmel College, who spoke of their hope that their second child had as good an experience as their first child at the College. We thank all parents for placing their trust in us.

2022 Secondary PE Uniform & Backpack

In readiness for Mount Carmel College becoming R-12 from the start of next year, we have reviewed the PE uniform. Thank you to the current students who contributed ideas to this review. The PE uniform is being standardised across the primary and secondary school. While not a lot will change, there will be a few changes such as a bucket hat as an optional alternative to the cap (secondary campus) or legionnaire's hat (primary campus), and black socks will become part of the standard PE uniform. The College backpack will change to a dark blue backpack but students can continue to use the current brown backpack until it wears out.

2022 Two New House Names

Another change as part of becoming R-12 is a name change for two of our Houses. Arising from the review of the House names was a desire to have a gender balance in the names of the Houses. It was also a desired outcome that at least one House name reflect an aboriginal person or a diversity of culture amongst the House patrons.

The Green team will continue to be MACKILLOP HOUSE after St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The Red team will continue as TENISON HOUSE after Julian Tenison Woods. In recognition of the Sisters of St Joseph who established both the primary school and Mount Carmel College, from next year the blue team will be JOSEPH HOUSE, after Saint Joseph.

Aunty Josie Agius was a Narungga, Kurna, Ngarrindjeri and Ngadjuri leader and among South Australia's first Aboriginal health workers. Aunty Josie worked extensively within Catholic schools, both secondary and primary schools, and within the Port Adelaide area, sharing her cultural knowledge. Aunty Josie was awarded the Premier's NAIDOC Award in response to her tireless advocacy for, and championing of, reconciliation. In recognition of Aunty Josie, the gold team will be AGIUS HOUSE.

Follow us

If you have not done so already, I would encourage you to sign up on our website in the Newsletter section so that you receive our fortnightly Newsletter automatically via email. Our Facebook page is another excellent way to keep informed about our College community life. You can find us at www.facebook.com/mccadelade

Best wishes

John Konopka
Principal

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Term 2 Whole School Assembly

Our Term 2 Whole School Assembly was an excellent celebration of...excellence! The highest academic achievers at each year level from Term 1 were acknowledged, along with sporting achievements - both individuals and as a school we won the Western Zone Sports Shield, community service contributions, the leaders who went to Penola gave a snapshot of their trip, we were entertained by music performance from the band and we were told about the exciting College Musical 'Footloose'

which was performed in the last week of Term 2. It was a great showcase of the many wonderful students at the College.

Congratulations to the following students:

Academic Excellence:

- Year 7: Himanshi Rajpurohit and Anubhav Sabu
- Year 8: Katie Footner
- Year 9: Vinko Stanisic
- Year 10: Meg Byham, Paige

Cooper, Vansh Sharma, Chuong Pham and Chairon Masangcay

- Year 11: Madison Wells and Ryan Le
- Year 12: Jose De Los Santos, Van-Leon Pham, Kanika Singla, Jake Campbell.

Sporting Excellence:

- Gavin Bosworth
- Kai Renfrey
- Gia Della-Zoppa
- Zac Mirfin.



Year 10 Japanese Excursion



As part of the Year 10 Japanese Unit on Food & Culture, the class went on an excursion to the city on Friday, 21st May. The students enjoyed visiting the Central Market, eating lunch at Sushi Train, and walking around the Himeji Japanese Gardens. As the accompanying teacher, it was wonderful to share this experience with the students: they engaged positively, were respectful, and showed great development of their intercultural understanding on this day. Here are some reflections from the students themselves.

Suzanne Sullivan, Director of Students

"The Adelaide Himeji Gardens is a Japanese garden on the outskirts of Adelaide City. It is a place that represents what a real Japanese garden looks like. The community can come to these gardens to reflect, meditate, and pray, as well as just to look and admire the beauty of them. Our Japanese class went there to give us a taste of what traditional Japanese gardens look like and how they may be used. In the gardens, there was a teahouse which is used to reflect on nature by appreciating the patterns in the pebbles which are raked over every day to represent the ocean, and the stones amongst the pebbles represent islands. Our class sat in the teahouse and practised this Japanese ritual which gave us a Japanese experience into people's lives in Japan."

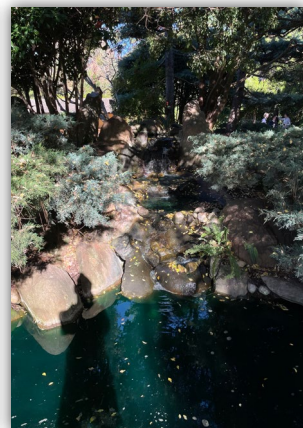
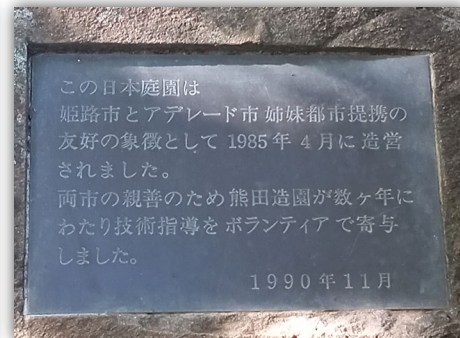
Paige Cooper and Jasmine Vu

"When we got to the city, we went to the Central Market where we had to read a Japanese shopping list and find out where the items would be in the Central Market stalls and food shops. We saw a \$400 per kilogram Wagyu steak at one of the meat stalls! We also saw a stall selling various selections and cuts of kangaroo."

Nayyer Nayyer, Mikey Sabo, Tayan Scott

"On our Japanese excursion to the city, we had the opportunity to eat at one of the most popular sushi restaurants, Sushi Train. We were divided into two different tables consisting of four people. For most of us, it was our first time eating there and we had lots of different types of sushi. Some of our favourite sushi was the "hot hot" chicken roll, the sashimi and the beef filled sushi. We were surprised by how delicious the food was! Overall, our visit to Sushi Train as a class was very enjoyable and we encourage students to study Japanese to have this opportunity."

Rafael Hiraishi das Neves and Thomas Vu



Footloose The Musical

2020 brought to Adelaide unprecedented changes to the way we live our life – namely a “no dancing” ban for over 5 months. I barely survived. This made me remember the 1984 film, “Footloose” and I immediately knew what musical I wanted to bring to life this year.

Based predominately on the hit movie, the play is the classical story of youth, rebellion and romance. The musical drama pits rebellious high school students against repressive parents, and liberal big cities against conservative small towns. When Ren McCormack moves from Chicago to a rural Midwestern town, he finds that dancing and rock music, two of his greatest pleasures, are banned. He sets out to rescind, as well as break, the ordinance while earning the admiration of his high school classmates.

“Footloose” is a musical filled with love, heart, and open youthful energy, something that we can all use a bit of in our sometimes challenging and adult lives. It is a story about dancing, but it’s also about a family and a town that is grieving a great loss. It’s a story about how fear and grief can cause us to control the things

around us, when what we really need is to let go.

The play opened on Broadway in 1998 and ran for 709 performances. It received four Tony Award nominations. The musical adheres to the film, which is based somewhat on events that took place in the small, rural and religious community of Elmore City, Oklahoma.

The story resonated with me as we slowly begun to unpack it in rehearsals, and what I originally thought would be a fun, light-hearted comedy, revealed itself to be a deep and moving drama. Our talented and dedicated cast have risen to every challenge, and I am astounded by their energy and commitment. I am also proud of our past graduates and staff who have come back and joined our “Footloose” team, proving to me once again, how these artistic experiences create lasting effects on our students.

Productions of this size and magnitude would not happen without the support of our Mount Carmel Community. Parents, friends and staff have all supported this musical in a variety of ways, but I would like to take this opportunity

to thank the MCC Arts team for the many hours they have spent creating, teaching, inspiring; Pedro Ferreira, Athena Kapetanios and Claudia Whitten – we would not have achieved so much without your amazing commitment to our students. Also a huge shout out to the Design and Technology team for letting us raid their supplies; Andrew Judd for organising and loading the transport for our set and costumes; John Lawson, Katrina O’Malley, Rebecca Footner, Bianca Le Mura, Alana Dichiera, Joseph Stevens and Tania Sparapani for their technical support backstage; Celina Bolding and Suzanne Sullivan for their help at Front of House; and our ensemble’s parents for the support at home that guides our students in understanding the importance of these special, unique experiences.

I hope you enjoyed our production of “Footloose,” and understand that for many of our performers, this is their first time on stage. And for some, their last (maybe) with Mount Carmel College. So much emotion, nerve and talent!

Don’t forget to “CUT LOOSE!”

Lisa Bartemucci, Arts Coordinator



Catholic Coed Athletics Carnival

The annual Athletics carnival against the other Catholic secondary schools, was held on Monday 22 March. The traditional friendly competition to see who can out throw, out jump and out run each other.

This year Mount Carmel College took its biggest contingent of students to the carnival, with 75 students hitting the track representing the College!

It was a great day - HOT! But you wouldn't know it, with the way that the students displayed their sporting prowess! And it showed in the results with U13 coming

3rd, U14 4th and U15/U16/Open ages coming 5th.

It was awesome to hear that 2 of our students broke 5 records on the day. Congratulations to Gia Della-Zoppa for setting new records for U13 100m, U13 Triple Jump, U13 200m and U13 Hurdles, and Zac Mirfin for breaking the U13 Discus Record.

A massive thanks to all the staff and students who made the day a huge success.

Rebecca Footner, Year 12 Coordinator



Harmony Day Activities

On Thursday 25 March in Pastoral Care, students from all year levels, and many teachers, were engaged in the Harmony Day activities, sharing stories, and celebrating their own backgrounds and the gift of diversity.



Year 9 Wetlands Excursion



On 26 May and 27 May, the Year 9 students went on an excursion to the Urrbrae Wetlands in the Urrbrae Agricultural School as part of the Science topic Ecosystems. Students participated in two activities throughout the day. The first, students were required to find macro-invertebrates in the water and try to identify them. The second, was water quality testing of various sites to show the movement of salt and pollution through the wetland site under the aid and direction of Vanessa Grenslade. Students enjoyed a day in the sun, exploring an environment many had not experienced before and discovering what really lies within our water systems to make the connection back to the food chain.

*Rachael Griffiths
Year 9 Science Teacher*



Catholic Schools Celebrate 200 Years!

A Mass was held in St Francis Xavier Cathedral with representatives of many SA Catholic schools to celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. It was a good opportunity for a photo with the statue of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who achieved so much for Catholic education in SA.



Students Aboriginal Artwork is shaping up

Iteka Sanderson-Bromley has been working with some of our aboriginal students - the artworks are already shaping up as very beautiful pieces of work.



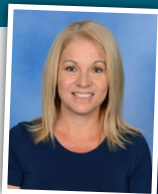
Year 8 Japanese Recital Competition

The winners of the Year 8 Japanese Recital competition (run by the South Australian Language Teachers Association) are:

- Rose Vu (1st place)
- Kurt Caitor (2nd place)
- Bethany Clough (top 10)
- Benjamin Khuu (honourable mention)



Maths and Sports Show



On Tuesday 25 May the Year 7 and 8 students watched "The Maths and Sports Show" live performance by Felstead productions. Students identified some mathematical algebraic concepts found in everyday Australian sports such as AFL and learnt a little about the Babylonian history of algebra. They also discovered how the knowledge and application of statistics can significantly help a soccer goal keeper to predict which side of the goals a penalty shot will likely go to. The show finished with students enjoying a mathematical version of Celebrity Heads.

Nicole Adam
Mathematics Coordinator



Holy Week whole school liturgy on Holy Thursday was a moving ceremony which related the traditional readings with thought provoking possible actions for good. Well done to the many students involved in the liturgy.



Western Technical College



TRADE2TRANSITION PROGRAM KICKS OFF!

What a great team effort by Western Technical College's Trade2Transition Program trainees recently! We saw dirty hands and muddy boots, as they completed a paving exercise on a simulated worksite, under the guidance of our TAFESA Trainer, Dennis.

Delivered over 7 sessions, the Trade2Transition program has been designed especially for Year 12 students, who are considering their next step into the world of work. Three competencies will be achieved, which includes a White Card.

Barkuma trainees are well on their way to exploring the Construction and Metal Engineering industries, in a supportive adult learning environment, designed to celebrate adaptability and encourage long life growth. A variety of positive post school outcomes will be within reach, and we wish our new trainees well for the duration of their program and their future.



Mount Carmel College Facebook Address Has Changed



In preparation for the unification of Mount Carmel College R-12 as from the start of 2022, the address for the Mount Carmel College Facebook page has changed from Wednesday 4 August 2021. The new Mount Carmel College Facebook address is: facebook.com/mccadelaide